

Park Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2009

Members Present: David Adkisson, Patrick Booth, Cally Browning, Jeff Pelletier, Margie Rochelle, Tippi Sorensen

Members Absent: Katy Morris, Robert Solete (death in the family)

Staff Present: Bob Monaghan, Director - Parks and Leisure Services  
Larry Apple, Park Manager  
Wayne Pickett, Recreation Manager  
LaDonna Lundy, Department Secretary

Guests: David Meyer

**A. Call Meeting to Order and Announce Quorum is Present**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Jeff Pelletier called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

**B. Visitors/Citizens Forum**

**C. Approval of Minutes:**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Cally Browning made the motion to approve the August 12, 2009 regular meeting minutes. David Adkisson seconded the motion and all voted aye.

**D. Review and Recommendation: Park Curfew Hours**

Mr. Meyer, 1913 Buffalo Bend Dr., Lewisville, TX addressed the Park Board on the possibility of changing the curfew hours because of his concern regarding noise in the park after dark. Bob Monaghan reviewed the current park hours as well as the ordinance pertaining to these hours. Signs have been posted at Memorial Park posting rules and hours. Mr. Monaghan also showed comparison surveys for various cities on their park opening and closing times. The Parks Department works with the Police Department to address issues that become a recurring problem and are sensitive to the residents living in close proximity to the parks.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Cally Browning made the motion to keep the Park Curfew hours as is, Margie Rochelle seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**E. Review and Recommendation: Skate Park Policy and Rules**

Preliminary policy and rules state that the skate park will be open between the hours of 8 a.m. till 11 p.m. All skill levels will be welcome, and signage will be placed that will also advise the users to "Use facility at your own risk". Park Board members made suggestions to possibility have an emergency call box near the area, strengthen the wording for restricting skating to only the Skate Park.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

David Adkisson made the motion to recommend the rules and policies with the changes as noted, and to be able to modify as needed. Patrick Booth seconded the motion and all voted aye.

**F. Review and Recommendation: Dog Park Policy and Rules**

Preliminary policy and rules stated that children under the age of 10 will not be permitted into the Dog Park and children between the ages of 10-16 can go in with adult supervision. A recommendation was made to change ages permitted as follows: children under the age of 9 will not be permitted into the Dog Park and between the ages of 9-15 will be permitted in the Dog Park with adult supervision. Other recommended changes are as follows: Dogs are to stay "off leash" once inside the dog park, weight restriction for small dog park dogs is 30 lbs or under, add the number for Animal Services. It was also recommended that the Parks Department review the liability clause, and also come up with some type of visible sign that the Dog Park was closed due to inclement weather or other reasons.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Cally Browning made the motion to accept dog park policy and rules with changes as noted. David Adkisson seconded that motion and all voted aye.

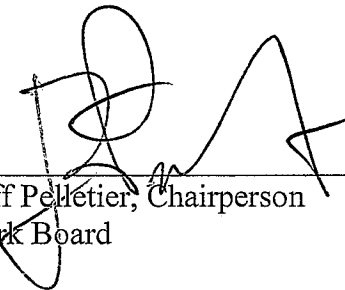
**G. Report: Railroad Park Construction Update**

Bob Monaghan presented the update for Railroad Park. The turf is not quite ready yet, it is still a bit rough and there are irrigation issues that need to be fixed. Still working with the contractor to get all the issues fixed so we can have a soft open sometime Fall 2009. The select girl's soccer league will be scheduled to play at the new park once it is ready for use. Approval has been given by City Council to sod the dog park and the city is working with a firm handling solicitations for naming rights at each of the different facilities at Railroad Park.

**H. Adjournment**

Patrick Booth made the motion to adjourn the meeting, David Akisson seconded the motion and all voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

  
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Bob Monaghan, Director  
Parks and Leisure Services

  
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Jeff Pelletier, Chairperson  
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