

Park Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 9, 2008

Members Present: Becky Bell, Pat Shovlin, David Adkisson, Jeff Pelletier, Katy Morris and Cally Browning, Robert Solete, Tippi Sorensen (arrived 7:20 p.m.)

Members Absent: Patrick Booth

Staff Present: Bob Monaghan, Director  
LaDonna Lundy, Department Secretary  
Jeff White, Recreation Specialist  
Monica Brezina, Civic Circle Recreation Supervisor

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

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Jeff Pelletier called the meeting to order at 7:02p and announced a quorum was present.

**B. Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2007 Regular Meeting**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion was made by Robert Solete, seconded by David Adkisson, to approve the minutes from the March Regular Meeting, all voted aye.

**C. Review of Athletic Field Policies and Fees**

The main topic of discussion was on the athletic field usage/practice fees. The current fees have not been adjusted since the late 1980's. The board is reviewing the fees now since major improvements have been made at the Lake Park Athletic complex, and the new complex will soon be under construction. Staff presented a survey of usage fees from other metroplex cities at the March meeting for the Board's review. After much discussion and comparison of Lewisville's athletic facilities and maintenance levels, the Board voted to recommend that the field usage/practice fees be increased from \$5 per hour for unlighted fields to \$10 per hour, and from \$10 per hour for lighted fields to \$20 per hour. The Board noted that while this may seem like a large increase, Lewisville will still be at only mid range of the survey cities and at the top end of facility quality and maintenance. Several Board members were in favor of a slightly higher fee and would like to review the fee again next year. Staff will present the Board's recommendation in the budget process.

**D. Reports**

Bob Monaghan reported the interviewing of potential contractors for the new athletic complex was done on April 4<sup>th</sup>. A matrix was set up to base final decisions on selection of the contractor. Cost is 40% and the low bid is actually doing 50% of the work. Naming of the new complex has still not been decided.

Relocating of the Egrets at Lake Park has been successful, but requires a constant vigilance on the part of the crews out at the Park. They are trying to cut back the use of the canon and using only the screamers. But bigger flocks of birds come in through the night and the canon is the only way to clear them out fast.

Jeff White reported on the success of the Pickle Ball Tournament. Teams from the Lewisville Senior Center, McKinney Senior Center and Robson Ranch all participated in the event. Mr. White thanked the Civic Circle Recreation Center for their assistance in making the event a fun time for all.

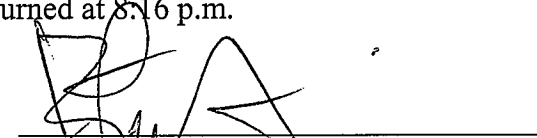
Several Board Members wanted to know the status of the possible merging of the Library and Park Boards. Mr. Monaghan said that no decision has been made at this time and that City Council was still discussing this issue. Both Boards are within the same department and would be a logical merge, but each Board still has their own individuality. If the merge does happen, what would happen the the Board Members? These are the voiced concerns and will be addressed as the decisions are made.

**E. Adjournment**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Cally Browning made the motion to adjourn, Robert Solete seconded the motion and all voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
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Bob Monaghan, Director  
Parks and Leisure Services

  
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Jeff Pelletier, Chairperson  
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