



MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Parks & Recreation Office
1101 W. Fourth Street
January 14, 2019
5:30 PM

Call to Order

Chair JaneAnn Oldrup called the January 14, 2019 meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following were present:

Members: JaneAnn Oldrup, Becky Joyce, Hannah Robertson and Kim Elliott. The following were absent: James Edwards, Barry Mathison and Maegan Sanders.

Staff present: Elizabeth Gilbert, Director of Administrative Services, Jim Burress, Director of Parks and Recreation, Laurie Dudek, Recreation Superintendent, Damian Cheatem, Recreation Supervisor and Gina Montague, Marketing Coordinator/Senior Administrative Assistant

Public present: Councilor Judy Stubbs, Allison Penn, Roswell Daily Record and Larry Connolly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Elliott motioned to approve the agenda with the recommendation to remove Non-action item #2 as the presenters decided not to do a presentation; member Joyce seconded, a voice vote was unanimous, the motion passed with members Edwards, Mathison and Sanders being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Member Robertson motioned to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting, member Joyce seconded. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed with members Edwards, Mathison and Sanders being absent.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

2. ~~Ms. Sonia Phillips and Ms. Becky Roberson presentation on Pickleball~~
3. Discuss Resolutions 18-60 and 18-61 regarding the Rocket Play Structure at Spring River Park and Zoo
Jim Burress, Director discussed Resolutions 18-60 and 18-61 that were approved by the City Council on December 13, 2018.
4. Discussion of Race Pricing
Jim Burress, Director explained the reason for the increase in price for the last race was due to renting a chip timing system in order for the Recreation department to test. The department has now purchased their own chip timing

system and the price of the races is likely to decrease. However, it will be determined based on expenses and cost recovery. At the higher rate it is still competitive with what other communities charge for their races and runs.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Discuss and consider proposal to amend the budget to allocate funding to create a new park at South Virginia and East Keith Street

Director Jim Burress provided a CES contract quote from AK Sales on the cost of a new playground unit at the proposed park site. The total is \$91,763.44. Mr. Burress provided a memo stating the cost of the irrigation, supplies, materials, trees and landscaping for this park would be an additional \$85,000. In total, the cost of the new park would be approximately \$177,000. Mr. Burress explained that even though the City is above the national average for acres of greenspace versus population per capita; this area of town is underserved. The children in this particular neighborhood are landlocked by highways on the East and West, the Cemetery to the South. To reach the nearest park, they have to cross a highway. The proposed park site is City-owned property. Member Elliott motioned to make a recommendation to City Council to consider developing this new park at South Virginia and East Keith Street, member Joyce seconded. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed with members Edwards, Mathison and Sanders being absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roswell citizen Larry Connolly asked what is Pickleball? Jim Burress, Director described it as a game between tennis and ping pong. It is a smaller court than tennis, uses a different paddle, and a whiffle-type ball. It is becoming an extremely popular sport across the United States.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Next Commission meeting: February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.