

Swisher Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 7-13-17

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Rodney McNeal at Castek Park.

Members present: Rodney McNeal, Gary Hovey and Ed Kringle. Absent Tracy Schulte and Dave Chalupsky.

Citizens Present: Gene Beard

Agenda/Minutes: Commission approved the agenda and the minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting

Business:

Review of Castek Park and Possible updates.

Gene Beard from JMFD talked about a recent medical emergency that happened at the shelter and how the cracked cement needs to be addressed to prevent future injuries. The Commission also looked at other trip hazards around the shelter as well as looked for other things that could be potential injuries or needing updated. These items included but were not limited to:

Repairing the crack in the shelter, corners and drop off from cement to the dirt/grass along the west side of the shelter, animal feces in the sand of the volleyball court, weeds in volleyball court and on the walking trail, missing knob and broken knob on "tractor" grill, bringing up the trail limestone rock to meet the cement of the benches along the trail, filling the hole next to the restrooms, rotted out railroad ties around playground-Commission discussed instead of replacing the ties with removing the few and shaving the dirt back to allow for a more accessible entrance point to playground area, bringing in the required amount of pea gravel under the playground equipment to be in compliance with guidelines, rotten boards on shelter and pavilions.

The board took recess to meet back at City Hall and reconvene for rest of the meeting at 7:30

Meeting was called back to order by Rodney McNeal at 7:35

Citizens present: Tawnia Kakacek

Review of FY2017 Budget

Tawnia Kakacek went over the budget with the Commission to explain how to read the numbers and what each item represents.

Review and adopt Park/Ball Diamond usage fees and form

The Commission decided to review and approve the form and fees at the next meeting

Discuss possibility of splash pad for City

The Commission discussed if we thought it was doable and possible locations. It was decided to look at the catalogs and see what is out there and what we think would work for the next meeting.

Sponsor Signs update for ball diamond

Rodney has a couple leads on where to get the signs and will be getting some made soon

Grants update

Nothing new was brought up

Correspondence

An anonymous donor wants to donate \$2500 to the improvements at Castek park and would like the commission to challenge the business owners in Swisher to matching the donation. After a brief discussion, it was decided that with the signs for the ball diamond and other things the businesses may have donated to that the Commission didn't want seem greedy and will put a challenge letter in the NoJoCo for anyone to donate.

Next Meeting Date will be Aug. 17th at City Hall

Meeting was adjourned by Rodney McNeall at 8:20