



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 1/9/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Presentation of Texas Recreation and Parks Society (East Region) Innovation in Park & Recreation Facility Development award for Lakeside Park.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Ceremonial Presentation

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA

FUNDS REQUESTED: NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation, nominated the City of Angleton Parks & Recreation Department for the Texas Recreation and Parks Society (East Region) Innovation in Park & Recreation Facility Development award for Lakeside Park.

The development of Lakeside Park was an innovative concept from the start. Before the development of Lakeside Park, Angleton Drainage District used the parcel of land for regional detention and the pond feature continues to function in the same way today. Often, municipalities acquire parkland and develop a park that meets the needs of the community. Angleton took a different approach and partnered with the Angleton Drainage District to develop a park around an existing regional detention pond. Additionally, the land conveyance from Angleton Drainage District served as the matching portion for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Local Park Grant which Angleton was awarded.

Angleton staff and contracted landscape architects flexed their creativity during the preliminary design phase of the multipurpose pavilion. City boards and stakeholders expressed the need for a large pavilion that could be used for reunions and events. Several concepts were presented but the community ultimately chose an incredibly versatile design. The final design is like a dogtrot where restroom facilities, concessions, mechanical, and storage are located on the north and south sides with a breezeway between and two covered pavilion spaces serve as rentable areas on the east and west sides of the pavilion. The pavilion was designed with a cantilevered deck overlooking the pond amenity with access to the kayak deck, and the opposite covered pavilion is designed as a stage that overlooks an open lawn and a playground area. The two spaces can be separated by floor-to-ceiling barn-style doors. The versatility of the pavilion has allowed the Parks & Recreation staff to be creative with several rentable options for the public.

Furthermore, the development of Lakeside Park has significantly enhanced the resiliency and sustainability of the area by promoting and maintaining new wildlife ecosystems, conserving biodiversity, and fostering environmental education for Angleton residents and the surrounding community. Native trees, landscape, and butterfly gardens within the park help to absorb carbon dioxide, filter pond water create a healthy habitat for aquatic life, and reduce the overall carbon footprint of the area. Lakeside Park has created various recreational and leisure opportunities that promote a physically and mentally healthy community.

Please help me recognize the Parks & Recreation Department's achievements by presenting the department with the Texas Recreation and Parks Society (East Region) Innovation in Park & Recreation Facility Development award.

RECOMMENDATION:

Presentation of Texas Recreation and Parks Society (East Region) Innovation in Park & Recreation Facility Development award for Lakeside Park.