



CITY OF ANGLETON
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515
MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2024, AT 12:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CONVENED IN A MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2024, AT 12:00 PM., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Clara Dannhaus called the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order at 12:00PM.

PRESENT

Erin Boren
Clara Dannhaus
David Heinicke
Jessica Norris
Blaine Smith

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting of April 8, 2024.

Upon a motion made by Member Norris and seconded by Member Heinicke the motion to approve April 8, 2024, Board minutes as presented was passed on a 5-0 vote.

2. Discussion and possible action on Lakeside Park wildscape proposal.

Jason O'Mara, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, presented an opportunity to the board to consider seven "wildscape" locations at Lakeside Park by returning the identified location to their natural habitat and in accordance with the Level 6 – Natural Area maintenance protocols established by Angleton Parks & Recreation. David Heinicke discussed how this proposal was designed to restore select areas within the park to their natural habitat by ceasing mowing in designated zones, allowing native vegetation to regrow with plans to remove invasive species and introduce native plants beneficial to local wildlife, including butterflies and birds. The initiative aligns with the park's original vision to support natural areas while maintaining accessibility and visibility for park users.

Board members deliberated on the aesthetics, potential community concerns, and phased implementation of the project. Some members expressed reservations about the appearance of overgrown areas, while others stressed the importance of long-term

ecological benefits. A compromise was discussed, ensuring that certain high-visibility areas remain manicured while others transition into wildscape zones gradually.

Upon a motion made by Member Heinicke and seconded by Member Boren the motion to approve the present seven wildscape areas as level 6 – natural area was passed on a 5-0 vote.

3. Discussion on the Code of Ordinances of the City of Angleton, Texas, Chapter 17 - Parks & Recreation developed in 1965.

Jason O'Mara, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the Parks Board with an update on current work being completed by the Parks Board Ordinance Task Force to review and provide recommendations to update the current Parks & Recreation Ordinances. The discussion focused on modernizing outdated provisions from the original 1965 ordinance to align with current park operations, facility management, and community needs. Key updates included clarifying definitions, refining park rules, addressing facility usage policies, and distinguishing between parks and recreation divisions. The board comments on revising the permitting process for special events, improving parking regulations, and ensuring enforcement mechanisms for issues such as off-leash pets and unauthorized vehicle use in parks.

Board members raised questions about specific provisions, including age requirements for unattended minors, enforcement of motorized vehicle restrictions, and public event permitting. The discussion also touched on potential new regulations for drones and ensuring accessibility for individuals with mobility devices. The board emphasized the importance of balancing enforcement with community engagement and education.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05PM.

These minutes were approved by the Angleton Parks and Recreation Board on the 4th day of March 2025.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

Megan Mainer
Director of Parks and Recreation