

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

May 2, 2024

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Kerry Fossler, Rick Rivera, Margaret Robinson, Deborah Jones, Jamie Creacy, and Gail Sheehan. Member Steven Fobert was absent. City staff and representatives present were Parks and Recreation Director Terry Moore, Council Member Jimmy Crouch, and City Staff Precilla Robertson. Nathanael Gold, Superintendent Bastrop and Buescher State Parks was present as a Guest.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:35 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Co citizen comments.

3. REPORTS

3A. Bastrop Parks Report

Report was given by Parks and Recreation Director Terry Moore.

3B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Park Superintendent Nathanael Gold.

3C. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Board Member Kerry Fossler.

3D. Director's Meeting Update

- Pickleball is painted and striped with one rolling net at Fisherman's.
- One rolling net is also at Bob Bryant, will be painted soon.
- New chairs at the Rodeo Arena and new dirt.
- Tree Folks – trees can't go in Pecan Park because it is a floodway, not a flood plain. On hold.
- Tree migration playscape design is in discussion.
- Park maintenance team us full and we have an irrigation specialist hired.
- May 8th meeting with engineers to discuss erosion at Ferry Park and a few other locations.
- Working to make the city eligible for TPWD park grants – we took 1.34acres to build water plant in Bob Bryant in 2009. Applied in 2018 for grant and they told us no due to the take of park land. We can use the appraised value of the land at the 2009 rate. Next step is to get it appraised so the City knows how much new park land needs to be designated. Additionally, the new Park Master Plan needs to be loaded onto the TPWD Grant website by the end of May. Applications for grants open in August.
- May 18, 9:45am-noon – Delgado Park celebration and mural unveiling.

4. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

4A. Update and discuss Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Next steps for the board to work on are (1) amendments to the park dedication ordinance, (2) amendments to the tree ordinance (3) prioritize the park inventory assessment (what projects/items should be talked first?)

4B. Discuss Joint Boards and Commissions Board Event

See notes in 4A.

4C. Discuss Park/River Clean Up Day

Volunteer day May 19, 7:30am. Projects at Fisherman's. Event bright sign up will be available tomorrow. Spread mulch, paint, paint pavilion, trash cleanup, and engage people in the park.

4D. Consider and Discuss the Non-Quorum Park Cleaning Program

This took place in April successfully. More opportunities to come.

4E. Consider action to approve meeting minutes from April 4, 2024

Kerry moved to approve minutes; Margaret seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. ADJORNMENT

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kerry Fossler seconded. The vote passed unanimously.