

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

June 1, 2023

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Rick Rivera, Kerry Fossler, Michael Lucas, Steven Forbert, Margaret Robinson, and Jamie Creacy. Members absent were Gail Sheehan. City staff and representatives present were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Superintendent Donald Smuck, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, and Council Liaison John Kirkland.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:02 p.m. Chair Kerry Fossler called the meeting to order.

2. REPORTS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by staff member Donald Smuck.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Jamie Creacy.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by staff member Terry Moore.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Chair Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

Report was given by Council Member John Kirkland. He reported that he had heard a citizen concern regarding grass growing in the sand volleyball court at Bob Bryant Park. City staff have already resolved the concern.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Krissie Fountain representing disc golf was inquiring about the ability for tournament fees collected for use of the disc golf course going back into maintenance of the course. Additionally, she shared that the US Women's Disc Championship is coming to Central Texas next year.

4. WORKSHOP

No workshop.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the May 2, 2023 workshop meeting and the May 4, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion for May 2, 2023 minute approval made by Margaret Robinson with a second from Steven Forbert. Vote was unanimous.

Motion for May 4, 2023 minute approval made by Michael Lucas with a second from Steven Forbert. Vote was unanimous.

5B. Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

Update was provided by Recreation Manager Terry Moore. Looking for a date to present draft final conceptual plans for additional review before presenting to Council. Looking to provide additional engagement with the citizens at the Big Bang event July 1, 2023.

5C. Discussion on open Parks Board Members

Park Superintendent Donald Smuck welcomed new members. All board positions are currently filled.

5D. Discussion on Junior Park Ranger Program in conjunction with National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Month.

Recreation Manager Terry Moore reported that July is National Park and Recreation Month. The theme this year is "Where Community Grows." The City is preparing a Jr. Park Ranger program to release in conjunction with that celebration.

5E. Discussion on National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge

No discussion. Council already completed a proclamation.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Margaret Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Member Jamie Creacy seconded. The vote was unanimous.