

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

November 2, 2023

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Kerry Fossler, Rick Rivera, Steven Forbert, Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson, Deborah Jones, and Jamie Creacy. There were no absent members. City staff and representatives present were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, Park Superintendent Paul Gonzales, Council Liaison Jimmy Crouch, and Doug Haggerty, Planning. There were no City staff and representatives absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:01 p.m. Chair Kerry Fossler called the meeting to order.

2. REPORTS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by Park Superintendent Paul Gonzales.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Board Member Jamie Creacy.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by Recreation Director Terry Moore.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Chair Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

No Report.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

4. WORKSHOP

No workshop.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

Gail Sheehan moved to approve minutes for October 5, 2023. Deborah Jones seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

5B. Discuss and take action on Kerry Fossler stepping down as Chair and electing new Chair.

Kerry Fossler thanked the board for her time as Chair and nominated Deborah Jones to serve as the new Chair. There was discussion to see if there was any other interest in the Chair position.

There was not. Rick Rivera seconded the motion for Deborah Jones to serve as Chair. The vote passed unanimously.

5C. Update and discuss Parks Master Plan and Park and Recreation Assets

- Rodeo Arena Town Hall will take place Monday November 3, 2023, at 5:00pm.
- Trail out of town toward Mayfest Hill Park. Was discussed during CAMPO meeting. On hold until the city completes Code Rodeo and the updated City Transportation Plan.
- More work to do regarding land valuations to resolve ineligibility for TPWD grants.
- More discussion regarding tennis and pickle ball courts. Don't displace one user for another user. More courts need to be built. Look into how that fits into the new master plan.
- It would be helpful to have seats at the basketball courts. There may be some opportunities for bleachers from the school district.

5D. Review and discuss work action plan requirement

Reviewed general template to be used as guide for Parks Board to keep goals and action items moving forward.

5E. Update and discuss promoting City Parks and Recreation Programs

Challenge to the board to assist in spreading the word about programming and parks in their social media channels. If participating in a program or spending time in a park, snap a photo, tag it on social or send to Terry/Cami for posting. Be an advocate!

5F. Discuss parks fee and rental process

Demonstration was provided on how to rent a park or facility online through the City's website. Fee schedule was shared and discussion about need to revise/add a few items such as parking at Mayfest Hill park. There is also a need to amend language in City Ordinance allowing credit card as an authorized payment type.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Deborah Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Member Gail Sheehan seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Deborah Jones, Chair

ATTEST:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director