



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Diana Boone, City Secretary

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**Council Meeting Date:** June 2, 2026

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Jared Barker to the Parks & Recreation Commission as a representative of Dripping Springs Independent School District and the reappointments of Dripping Springs ISD representative Olivia Barnard; Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association representatives Tyson Joe and Laurence Lane; and At-Large members Hope Boatright and Ryan Strittmatter for a term ending June 30, 2028.; and the reappointment of Paul Fushille as the Parks & Recreation Commission Chair for a one (1) year term ending June 30, 2027.

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Andy Binz, Parks & Community Services Director

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**Summary/Background:** The Parks & Recreation Commission is an nine-member advisory commission responsible for making recommendations to the city council regarding the acquisition, development, utilization, operation, improvement, equipment and maintenance of all park playgrounds and recreational areas owned or controlled by the city. The Commission is also responsible for making recommendations to the city council pertaining to the city's master park plan.

Commissioners are appointed by City Council with four (5) members serving at-large, two (2) members serving as representatives of the Dripping Springs Independent School District, and two (2) members serving as representatives of the Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association.

**Current Members:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ending</b>	<b>Seat Description</b>
Paul Fushille, Chair	06/30/27	At-Large
Olivia Barnard	06/30/26	DSISD Representative
Thomas Lengel	06/30/26	DSISD Representative
Hope Boatright	06/30/26	At-Large
Kristy Caldwell, Vice Chair	06/30/27	At-Large

Tyson Joe	06/30/26	DSYSA Representative
Laurence Lane	06/30/26	DSYSA Representative
Ryan Strittmatter	06/30/26	At-Large
Taylor Houston	06/30/27	At-Large

**Vacancies**

There are (6) At-large members whose seats expire on June 30, 2026. All, but one (1) of the members are seeking reappointment. Thomas Lengel, a Dripping Springs ISD representative, has resigned. We received a letter of recommendation from the school district recommending Jared Barker to fill the vacancy.

**Attachments:**

1. Applications
2. Letters of Recommendation
3. Reappointment Requests

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

1. Update website
2. Update rosters
3. Email new member information
4. Inform commission of council decision
5. Order name plate
6. Send meeting calendar invites to new member
7. Add new member to group emails