



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 10th day of August 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Park Commission Chairman Roger Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m., with Commissioners Tom Benavides, Ann Sawyer, Elaine Valdez, and Joyce Trent present. Absent and excused were Vice-Chair Danielle Bolton, and Commissioners Nancy Marrufo, Julie-Carreon-Martinez, and Diane Frazier. Also present at the meeting was Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Approval of the July 13, 2023, Park Commission Minutes – (Commissioners)

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Commissioner Benavides, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to Be Heard

There were no citizens wishing to speak.

4. Old Business

A. Discussion – Boy Scout Eagle Project – Gaga Ball at Steurenthaler-Silo Park (T. Bandaru)

Staff member Moritz explained that Mr. Bandaru had decided to construct his Gaga Ball Pit at Carnahan Elementary School instead of the park.

B. Discussion and Recommendations – Rescind Recommendation for the Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages at Swimming Pool Facilities (Commissioners)

Chairman Christensen noted that the Commission had two courses of action, being to rescind the item or to table it indefinitely. He explained that to affirm the action would be redundant as they had already affirmed it. After a general discussion, Commissioner Valdez motioned to rescind the action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and Recommendation – Consider Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.09 Parks and Recreation, Division 2 Use Regulations, Section .09.034 – Additional Prohibited Uses and Activities, to Add a Subsection (h) Which Would Prohibit Smoking in the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park (HONAP) (Mayor Riley/M. Moritz)

Staff member Moritz explained that, although she had not had a chance to speak with the Mayor, she understood the concern with the HONAP was that it is left in its natural state, which had overgrown grasses and fallen trees, which increased the chances of fire danger. She noted that there was a fire break, but that it only extended along the improved properties to the rear of the park. She then explained that the addition to the Ordinance would prohibit all types of smoking, including smoking devices. After a few questions, Commissioner Trent made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment, which was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Moritz explained that the item would be brought before the City Council at their September 5, 2023 meeting for their consideration.

6. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Trent stated that her son and Grandson used the large playground frequently, but her son would not let her Grandson play on the slide as there was a large open area along the side of the equipment. She asked Ms. Moritz to investigate whether this was safe. Ms. Moritz stated that she would investigate this concern.

Chairman Christensen stated that the Tree Subcommittee had concerns that the new trees along the new Hike & Bike Trail were not being watered regularly and he asked if the Public Works water truck could be used to perform this task. Ms. Moritz stated that they had been watering with the water truck, but that it had broken and was in the process of being repaired. She noted that the City Council was considering adding irrigation for that area to the FY 2023-24 budget.

Commissioner Benavides explained that the Arbor Day event was upcoming and that the Park Commission needed to decide what type of trees should be purchased for the event. He further noted that the event would need to be advertised and had questions about the annual poster contest and what schools would be invited. He stated that the event would be held on October 28th in conjunction with the library's Halloween event and the Northwest Senior's annual Trash and Treasure event. Ms. Moritz suggested asking the library Director if she would hold the poster contest at the library instead of asking the schools.

Commissioner Valdez told the Commissioners that the Earthwise Living Day Committee wanted to hold a speaker series and would like to hold the first one in October with Oak Wilt being the first topic.

Chairman Christensen stated that until the weather was cooler, the next Park Commission meetings would be held in the Conference Center. He noted that he hoped they could meet at the Ridge at Leon Valley Park in October. He went on to state that the start time of the meetings would be discussed with Vice-Chair Bolton to see if she was more readily able to come to the


meetings if they were held at 7:00 pm. He then stated that each Commissioner had a copy of the member list and asked them to review it to assure all the information was correct.

Staff member Moritz stated that Seneca Drive was on this year's street maintenance list and that it would be closed to "through" traffic from Evers to Bandera Road to perform a mill and overlay. She noted that only local residents would be allowed on the street at that time. She stated that the City Council would be approving the contract at their next meeting and that she would then meet with the contractor to ascertain a start date for the work, which would be published on all social media and the website, but to let their neighbors and friends know about the upcoming work.

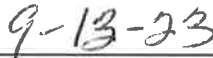
7. Adjourn.

Commissioner Valdez motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Trent, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

These minutes were approved at the September 14, 2023, Park Commission meeting.



Roger Christensen, Chair



Date