

STAFF REPORT



SUBJECT: Update on Parks and Leisure Services

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Leisure Services

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Golf Tournament

I have been working with the company Waste Connections to develop an annual golf tournament. The idea of a golf tournament was envisioned by a resident who wants to see an All Inclusive playground at City Park. I have been working with firms who design playgrounds for the perfect design. Waste Connections will be our title sponsor for the event. We are looking to raise funds to pay for a play system for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds, signage and surfacing.

Once all the funds are raised for the play system the golf tournament would be held annually to fund projects, in the park that impact the children of Stephenville. The first annual "Trash to Treasure" Golf Tournament is on Friday, June 11, 2021. Registration will be completed through SPARD. We are in the process of setting up a donation option for those who don't want to play golf but want to support a great cause.

Bosque River Trail

A committee of Stephenville residents have been working on a grant application through National Park Services to assist with the next 4 phases of the trail. The deadline is March 1, 2021. I have been assisting them with reviewing documents, developing maps to line out the next 4 phases and meeting with leaders in the community to recruit their support for the project.

Cemetery

A new section has been released at West End Cemetery as of February 3, 2021. Section fourteen is to the west of the drainage ditch by Sixth Street. Staff is in the process of determining if one access road is needed at this time or two.

Library

As of February 8, 2021 the library has begun to offer a limited number of program with a limited number of participants. The two programs they are starting with are Toddler Time and Story Time. Mary and I worked on layout, sanitization, protocol, and registration process. If this works out well for the month of February, we may begin offering other services at a limited capacity in March.

SPARD

Youth basketball began the first of February. SPARD staff ran into issues with patrons not wanting to follow COVID-19 protocol. Staff developed procedures based on Erath County, Governor's Orders, University Interscholastic League and Stephenville Independent School District. I believe the hype will calm down as the season progresses. Staff is in full swing working on Moo-La Fest and other summer events. Youth and adult baseball and softball registration has begun. SPARD staff and I are working on updating the website to be user friendly.