

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ANDERSON
CITY OF PALESTINE**

The Parks Advisory Board met on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 12:00pm in the Community Services Conference Room, 2000 S Loop 256, Palestine, Texas.

The Following Members Were Present:

Diane Davis	Billy Joe Miller I
Thelma Holland	Sunny Broyles

Others Present:

Patsy Smith	Josh Woods
Danielle Shultz	Patti Reid
Ricky Dorsey	

Members Not Present:

Mike Kelly	Anne Coleman
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A quorum of the Parks Advisory Board was present.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Patsy Smith called the meeting to order at 12:16pm.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Sunny, seconded by Diane, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

C. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Discuss approval of PYAA proposal of renovations to concession stands at

Athletic Complex:

Patsy announced that the proposal for the PYAA to renovate the concession stands at the Athletic Complex was approved by City Council. Ricky has looked at the plans for the renovations. The PYAA has started the renovations, and has already completed the first one concession stand. The second one is still in process.

2. Discuss replacement of retaining wall at Old City Cemetery:

Pictures of the damaged wall were included in a packet that everyone in attendance received. Patsy announced that she is having a difficult time receiving bids for this project. This wall must be taken down stone by stone, then replaced stone by stone and will not be an easy task. She has reached out to either four or five

contractors, and has yet to receive a written bid. She said that they all agree that this will cost, and estimates approximately \$40,000 to complete the project. Thelma asked if it is a historical site, and Patsy answered that it is. Patsy also said that Jacob Morris (the historian for the City) is working with her on this since he has a lot of knowledge concerning renovating historical sites. He would know what is required to complete the job. Jacob has referred her to a couple of contractors that may be able to accomplish this project. Sunny asked if inmates would be able to fix the wall, but Josh said that inmates cannot complete skilled labor. He said that it must be contracted out. Thelma asked if the Parks Advisory Board would know when it is completed, and Patsy answered that they would. Patsy ended by saying that Old City Cemetery is a very fascinating cemetery, but has a lot of walls that will eventually have to be replaced.

3. Discuss piers and bridges at Upper and Lower Lakes

Patsy said that a while back there had been much damage done by fire / vandalism as well as the flooding at Lower Lake. She is obtaining materials to rebuild while trying to get it back into working condition for the community to enjoy. She is also trying to get docks for Upper and Lower Lakes. They would be built so that they could rise and fall with the water level. She said that it is a work in progress.

4. Discuss adding concrete pad at Tiffany Park for a picnic table as well as placing a grill and bench

The community approached the Parks guys asking for a picnic table, grill and bench for Tiffany Park. Tiffany Park is in a little circular area in a subdivision off Highland Drive. It is a City-owned park. Thelma asked if it is part of the Master Plan, and added that this is the first she has heard of it. Patsy said that she never knew about it until now either. She said that she is looking into making it a nice area with seating available.

Director's Report:

- Spring Citywide Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017
- Evan's United Carnival is scheduled for the last week of April, 2017
- Egg-Normous Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017
- The Next Parks Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 12:00noon in the Community Services Conference Room.

ADJOURN:

Patsy announced to adjourn at 12:36pm.



Danielle Shultz, Project Manager