

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ANDERSON
CITY OF PALESTINE

The Parks Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall conference Room, 504 North Queen Street, Palestine, TX with the following members present:

John McDonald	Joe Cochran
Sue Hammett	Thelma Holland
Howard Piquet	
Bonnie Woolverton	

Others present:	
Roy Crouch	Heather Hrebec
Rob Thames	Mark Spencer
Heather Calhoun	Jennifer London

A quorum of the Parks Advisory Board was present.

CALL TO ORDER

John McDonald called the meeting to order at 12:07p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by John McDonald, seconded by Howard Piquet, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Discuss and approve new design for Reagan Park Spray Ground Project.

Mark Spencer, with MHS Planning and Design, provided an overview of the design of the Reagan Park Spray Ground. Mr. Spencer provided the board with the layout featuring the spray ground near the band stand. He explained that the ground is the most level in the area chosen and it has the best proximity to the playground. After discussion Chairperson John Ballard McDonald made a motion and seconded by Howard Piquet to approve the design as presented by MHS Planning and for staff to move forward with the project and choose features appropriate to the design. The motion was approved unanimously.

Status on Reagan Park Spray Ground funding rating presented by the Palestine Junior Service League

Roy Crouch reviewed the amount that has been raised for the Reagan Park Spray Ground. He stated a total of \$228,000.00 has been raised to date. Crouch stated the total includes fundraising by the Palestine Junior Service League, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, and City funds. Ms. Calhoun stated the PJSL is continuing to raise funds for the project and more funds are expected after the PJSL Gala on March 24, 2012.

Discuss and recommend solutions for Steven Bennet Skate Park

Rob Thames, Parks Crew Leader, presented the board with an overview of the current condition of the Steven Bennet Skate Park. He stated that the supplies used for the park were not for outdoor conditions and is a danger. He stated there has not been use of the skate park in sometime and that it was a basketball court prior to a skate park. After discussion John Ballard McDonald made a motion seconded by Bonnie Woolverton "the Steven Bennet Skate Park be removed and staff return the area to its' original use." The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Legacy in the Park Marketing Project

Howard Piquet deferred to Roy Crouch, Director of Community Services, for an update. Mr. Crouch gave an overview of funds raised and reviewed the Ryan's Discount Card Program. He also provided the board with information regarding the Carson & Barnes Circus. Mr. Crouch explained that proceeds from sales of circus tickets would go to the Legacy in the Park Project as well. He said the fund continues to grow and they look forward to using funds for improvements to all parks soon.

ADJOURN

Motion Made by Howard Piquet, seconded by Bonnie Woolverton, to adjourn at 1:07p.m.

Heather Hrebec, Event Coordinator