

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ANDERSON  
CITY OF PALESTINE

The Parks Advisory Board met in regular session on Thursday, October 5, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 504 North Queen Street, Palestine, TX with the following members present:

John McDonald  
Sue Hammett  
Howard Piquet

Joe Cochran  
Thelma Holland  
Carla Cubstead

Others present:

Roy Crouch  
Josh Baldree  
Liana James

Janelle Williams  
Dillon Iman  
Bonnie Woolverton

A quorum of the Parks Advisory Board was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Joe Cochran, seconded by Howard Piquet, to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Review 2010-2011 Parks Budget, presenter Roy Crouch**

Finance Director Bobby Pennington presented the board with an overview of the Parks Department budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.

**Board to make recommendation on a presentation from Boy Scout Troop 705 on a proposed landscape improvement project to be located at the Trail Head Entrance to the Community Forest, presenter Josh Baldree and Roy Crouch, Director of Community Services**

Josh Baldree presented a proposed landscape improvement project to the board. Josh will be using the project to earn his Eagle Scout badge. The project will include a new sign at the Trail Head Entrance and landscaping of the area. Sue Hammett suggested that Josh work with the Master Gardeners on picking some native plants for the project. Motion was made by John McDonald, seconded by Howard Piquet, to approve the project as presented.

**Hear status on the Palestine Junior Service League fundraising efforts for the Reagan Park spray ground project, presenter Chairperson Liana James**

Liana James provided an update on fundraising efforts to the board as follows:

- the Junior Service League has raised about \$50,000
- major corporations have pledged about \$20,000
- Temple Inland has a grant they will be looking into
- Small fundraisers are planned in the fall
- A “goal” sign will be put up to show progress
- Sue Hammett suggested that she talk to the Master Gardeners about funding

John McDonald requested that the board be provided with a monthly update. Roy Crouch advised that if the total amount is not raised the project will be scaled back in other areas than the spray ground.

Discuss Veterans Parks initiative, presenter Chairperson John McDonald

No discussion was held on this item.

Discuss the implementation of a “Legacy in the Park” donation program and design a brochure for community wide distribution, presenter Roy Crouch

Roy Crouch presented a sample brochure to the board. Discussion was held regarding a name for the program, areas of the city that should be included, what types of equipment that should be included in the program. Board members will think about the program and bring suggestions back to staff at the November meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Howard Piquet, seconded by Carla Cubstead, to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.

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Janelle Williams, City Secretary