

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2017

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

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm for the meeting in the Parks Department Conference Room, 2000 S. Loop 256, Palestine, Texas with the following people present:

Chairman Mike Kelly, Vice Chairman Diane Davis, Board Members Thelma Holland, Billy Miller and Amy Robinson, Director Patsy Smith, Asst. Director Ricky Dorsey and Administrative Asst. Patti Reid.

Board Members Ann Coleman and Sunny Broyles were absent. A quorum was present.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mike Kelly called the Regular Meeting to order 12:00 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes for Parks Advisory Board for April 4, 2017. Discussion took place between Board Members and they decided that all minutes on the Agenda were approved. Vice Chairman Diane Davis made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017 Minutes and Board Member Thelma Holland seconded the Motion. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Board Member Thelma Holland made motion to approve May 16, 2017 Minutes. Vice Chairman Diane Davis seconded the Motion and upon vote, motion was passed unanimously 5-0.

Vice Chairman Diane Davis made motion to approve the May 30, 2017 Minutes. Board Member Amy Robinson seconded the motion and upon vote, motion was passed unanimously 5-0.

Vice Chairman Diane Davis made motion to approve June 6, 2017 Minutes. Board Member Thelma Holland seconded the motion. Upon vote, motion was passed unanimously 5-0.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Discuss getting plaques for Mall planters. Discussion took place and decision was made to buy one stand-up plaque to place at the main entrance flower bed indicating the flowers in the planters were donated by the Anderson Co. Master Gardeners. A future meeting will take place with the Master Gardeners to present ideas on what the inscription will say. Motion made by Chairman Mike Kelly and seconded by Board Member Amy Robinson to approve buying one plaque for all the flowers that were donated. Upon vote motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Discuss the third tree at Reagan Park that is possibly dying. Discussion took place and the Board offered questions about what was killing the trees and is it contagious to the ground; asking if the new trees would be compromised by the cankers. Vice Chairman Diane Davis made motion to have Pardue Tree Service look and offer their professional advice. Board Member Thelma Holland seconded the motion and upon vote motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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Discuss the renovations to City Parks and about the City Budget to do the said renovations. Director Patsy Smith explained that the City budget is very tight and she is trying to get the previous talks of renovations completed by using Grants. She is currently trying to find Grants that will allow this to happen. Discussion took place about what the Parks Department could do to increase the revenue for Parks. One solution was mentioned to raise the amount of rent of the City owned Parks, including the Ball Fields (Athletic Complex). Director Smith advised further information and discussions would be taking place at next Board Meeting.

Discuss a Parks and Wildlife Grant for all City Lakes. Alan Ross with SPI is going to assist in putting in for Grants. One Grant in particular is a 75\25. This grant goes by a point system for the Department. Points are gathered for different stuff to include the master plan for the Parks Department. City Council has passed this Department to apply for the grant. The grant could possible go up \$650,000 if approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Smith announced that the final hearing for Laza case is Monday, September 18, 2017.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Diane Davis made motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Board Member Billy Miller. Chairman Mike Kelly adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mike Kelly, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Patti Reid, Community Services Admin. Assistant