

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, May 16, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Community Services Conference Room, 2000 S. Loop 256 Suite 30, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Vice Chairman Diane Davis; Board Members Thelma Holland, Billy Miller, Sonny Broyles and Amy Robinson; Community Services Director Patsy Smith and Community Services Admin. Assistant Patti Reid.

Board Member Ann Coleman and Chairman of the Board Mike Kelly were absent. A quorum of the Parks Advisory was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Diane Davis called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks Advisory Board on April 4, 2017. Motion was made by Board Member Sonny Broyles, seconded by Board Member Thelma Holland to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2017. Upon vote, motion was passed unanimously 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Discuss Palestine Negro & Professional Women's Club purchasing crepe myrtles to go along M L Cary overpass to help beautify that area.

Vice Chairman Diane Davis is a member of this Club and wants to purchase Crepe Myrtles to go at the M L Cary Bridge. This money will come from a grant that the club received a couple of years ago. Parks Crew will be needed to plant the trees.

Discuss new plants for the inside of the Mall planter where there are only one or two plants and have the Master Garden Club help with this.

Director Patsy Smith wants additional plants in the Mall planters. She will ask the Master Gardeners and the Dogwood Gardeners for assistance.

Discuss the two very large oak trees that have died at Reagan Park near the Crockett Rd. pavilion. We will be having Pardue Tree Service remove the trees. Director would to have a chainsaw artist come in and make a design with the trees that can be displayed as a type of memorial to the trees.

An arborist diagnosed a canker on the trees in 2015. He came again and said the trees were dead. Patsy wants to get a chainsaw artist to cut a design to memorialize the trees. She explained that PEDC and Mary Raum have funds that they will be willing to use on this project so no funds would be needed from the Parks Department.

Discuss replanting trees to replace Oak trees at Reagan Park.

Fall or early spring would be the prime time for planting trees. Live Oak was suggested to be used to replace the oak trees. It was suggested to get with the Forestry Service to have them suggest the kind of tree to get.

Discuss murals to be painted on the Visitors Center's bathroom wall.

Dana Matthews came to Mary Rahm and wanted to know if she could paint murals on the outside walls of the bathroom facility between the Visitors Center and Farmers Market. She will provide all of the paint and labor associated with this project for free. She just wants to demonstrate her talents and has painted for the City before. Motion was made by Sunny Broyles and seconded by Billy Miller. Motion was passed unanimously 5-0. Patsy will take before City Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Clean up of the Lake area has yielded positive response from the public. The lake was restocked and there are cat fish, bass and blue gill in the lake. Family Fish Day was a big success. There were 125 people that came and Patsy took many pictures of the kids with their families. Some of the gauges and skimmers needed to be replaced at the Steven Bennett Pool and total amount spent was approximately \$2,500. Also, the pool needs a lift to become compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act. Patsy said that she would be contacting Trinity Pools for estimates. Green's Park updates have been delayed because City Council requested additional bids on the basketball court. They requested bids for chain link fence and it has gone up drastically. Also mentioned, was looking into getting permanent bathroom facilities at the Park. The Rededication of Phillips Park was huge success. There were 60 people that attended. Major Phillips told Diane Davis that many rededications of the park have happened but thinks this years' is the best. The historical wall at the cemetery can be repaired for approximately \$2,500.

ADJOURN

With no other business to before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF September 2017.



Diane Davis, Vice Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Patti Reid, Community Service Administrative Assistant