

**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, November 7, 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:

Board Members:

Thelma C. Holland
Billy Miller
Amy Robinson
Mike Kelly

Staff Present:

Community Services Director Patsy Smith
Community Services Assistant Director Richard Dorsey
Community Service Administrative Assistant Patti Reid

Board Members Ann Coleman, Diane Davis and Sunny Broyles were absent. Board Member Billy Miller arrived at 12:47. There was no quorum until Billy Miller arrived.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:47 pm.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks Advisory Board on September 12, 2017.

Motion was made by Board Member Thelma Holland, seconded by Board Member Billy Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2017. Upon vote, motion was passed unanimously 4-0.

B. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Discuss the fees for Athletic Complex rental. The City Manager had asked the Directors of Community Services to "revamp" the City Ordinance to change the fees for rental of the Parks. The Athletic Complex is not going to have contracts for the entire summer like they have had in the past. There needs to be a Regular Season and a Tournament price for the season. It was also discussed that the team rosters were needed to prove the amount of kids that are paid for and are playing are the same. She also wants to get it where what money is made for the Athletic Complex stays in the Complex funds instead of all the monies going into the General Fund.

Discuss Grant information for the Parks that are through the Parks and Wildlife. City Manager and SPI have been made aware of a grant that has a \$500,000 cap and will cover up to five fields. Patsy Smith indicated that Nate Smith will write the grant when it comes available. She also stated that Nate is looking for additional grants to apply for to work on the City Parks.

Discuss the situation that is going on at Upper and Lower Lake Parks and the arrests. The park behind DPS is sex and drug haven. The Police are patrolling and have made arrests at the park for sexual offenses. Between the Parks Department and the Police Department they are working to make the Parks "family oriented" again.

Discuss long term plans for the Parks. Since 2004, there have only been three items on the long term plan at the Parks reached. The Director of Parks states that the City of Palestine needs to reach more goals on the list to better improve all parks.

C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- City Council wants either the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Parks Board to appear in the City Council Meeting on 11-27-17 at 5pm and speak to council members about what the Parks Board does. Chairman Mike Kelly volunteered for this duty.

D. ADJOURN

Board Member Thelma Holland made a motion and it was seconded by Board Member Billy Miller to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Mike Kelly adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.



Mike Kelly, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Patti Reid
Community Service Administrative Assistant