

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board met in regular session at the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Conference Room, 1611 North Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, Texas on February 14, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Arnold, Peter Bailey, Jackie Brewer, Bryan Perkins and Leslie Warren.

Board Members Absent: Jay Ray and Matt McGuire.

Staff Present: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph, Parks Development Superintendent Stephen Brainerd, Recreation Superintendent Ryan Mullins, Parks Maintenance Superintendent Tim White, Senior Parks Planner Jenny Baker and Administrative Assistant Sharon Lewis.

Guests Present: Oak Hollow Golf Course Pro Stephen Clayton and The Courts Manager Matt Hanlin.

Vice Chairman Leslie Warren called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

13-141 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of January 10, 2013

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Mike Arnold, seconded by Board member Peter Bailey.

REPORTS

13-142 Division Reports

Mr. Mullins announced that the Daddy/Daughter Dance was sold out early into the registration with 320 attending. Staff is studying a two-day event next year so more can attend. Mr. Mullins announced that the Trout Derby will be Saturday, February 23, from 8 a.m.-Noon.

Mr. Hanlin announced that The Courts will have their 1-year anniversary celebration on March 23rd from 3-8 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

13-143 Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation to City Council to Award a

Construction Contract for the Removal and Replacement of the Gabe
Nesbitt Softball Sanitary Sewer

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Peter Bailey, seconded by Board member Jackie Brewer, on a recommendation to City Council to award a construction contract with North Texas Contracting for the removal and replacement of the Gabe Nesbitt softball sanitary sewer for an amount not to exceed \$150,185.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13-144 Information/Discuss on Tree City USA Recognition

Mr. Brainerd announced that the City of McKinney received recognition as a *Tree City USA* this year, being the tenth year in a row.

13-145 Information/Discuss Limiting Neighborhood Park Use During School Hours

Mr. Randolph stated that the McKinney Independent School District Superintendent requested that City Council consider restriction of public use of neighborhood parks adjacent to elementary schools during school hours as a safety precaution for the children. He stated that the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department would recommend against this restriction. Restricting the public access to these parks would also restrict the public access to the trail system.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Richard Waldschmidt, 1600 Stratford Place, McKinney, Texas 75071 stated he opposed restricting the public access to neighborhood parks adjacent to elementary schools during school hours. He uses the park throughout the day walking his dog

David Pulley, 7412 Province Street, McKinney, Texas 75071 stated he opposed any restrictions on public use of neighborhood parks adjacent to elementary schools during school hours. He is a frequent user of the parks throughout the day, mothers with young children use the parks, and people will have their lunch in the parks. He is okay that both public and school children use the park. Mr. Pulley also suggested that the hike and bike trails have a stripe down the middle of them and signage posted to pick up after your pets.

BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Board discussed changing the date of the March 14th meeting since it would fall during the school's spring break.

Vice Chairman Warren adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

JAY RAY
Chairman
LESLIE WARREN
Vice Chairman