

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2014 – 6:00 PM
Whitehouse City Council Chambers
311 East Main

Don Branam – Chair/Parks Director

Nate Lambert – Member
Andrew Focht – Member
Maria Davenport – Vice Chair

Vacant – Member
Hazel Bateman – Member
David Roquemoire – Member

Kevin Huckabee – City Manager

Stefani Wright – City Secretary

Paul Coleman – Assistant Parks Director

6:00:55 PM

1. CONSIDER CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Branam
Chairman Branam called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. CONSIDER INVOCATION: Chairman Branam
Chairman Branam gave the invocation.
3. CONSIDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Branam
Chairman Branam led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. CONSIDER ROLL CALL: Stefani Wright – City Secretary

6:02:25 PM

Present: Don Branam, Hazel Bateman, Andrew Focht and Nate Lambert.

Absent: Maria Davenport and David Roquemoire.

A quorum was present.

5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL of minutes from the May 13, 2014 meeting: Chairman Branam
Nate Lambert made a motion to approve with correction (8(B) should be 7 teams instead of 17). Hazel Bateman seconded the motion.

6:03:29 PM

Ayes: Hazel Bateman, Andrew Focht and Nate Lambert

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED.

David Roquemoire arrived at 6:03 p.m.

6. CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Branam

(Persons wishing to address the commission may do so after rising and stating their name and address. Although official action cannot be taken, the commission may take the matter under consideration for future discussion. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.)
No comments.

7. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS: Chairman Branam

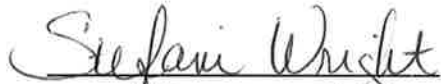
- A. City Park
 - i. Chamber of Commerce – Independence in the Park
The event drew a large crowd and was a good time. Chairman Branam believes there were 350-400 people in the Splash Park during the event; it was controlled chaos. The Splash Park concession was not supposed to sell anything (since the Chamber had a food vendor) but they did sell some items and made \$520. Chairman Branam expressed his displeasure to the Chamber Board members that the new stage in the park was not utilized; the Chamber rented a stage and at the end where they had the rented one did work out well for the concert. All in all it was a good day.
 - ii. Music in the Park
Chairman Branam gave Andrew Focht a card from someone interested in playing. Chairman Branam also mentioned that it has been suggested to combine the music and movie in the park. The Commissioners like this idea; Chairman Branam asked Mr. Focht to contact Maria Davenport to coordinate this and have it possibly in August or September. An idea of having S'mores at the movie was discussed.
 - iii. Movie in the Park
Combined above with Music in the Park.
 - B. Gardenvue Park
We were not awarded the grant for the walking trail this time but it will be applied for again next time.
 - C. Splash Park
Since June 1 the average attendance is 137 per day. Attendance and use are up this year; more parties have been booked this year but season pass sales are down slightly. Chairman Branam would like to put plants around the park to help keep kids out the muddy areas around the pad. Chairman Branam asked the Commissioners to take a look at the Splash Park and offer any ideas to help with this.
 - D. Sports Complex
They have begun to kill off the grass; new seed has been bought – a tough turf grass that likes to be mowed. The Parks Department is in the process of determining the best course of action to plant the new seed. Mrs. Bateman said there is a person at the A&M research center in Overton that specializes in turf and she believes his wife is a master gardener; she will try to get his name and give that to Chairman Branam. The total from the Concession for the eight week season is \$28,026.; the supplies for the concession were approximately \$12,926 and workers' pay was \$3,368 so the net is \$11,731. Since we have nothing to compare to Chairman Branam does not know if this is good or not. Most teams who are not in the playoffs have turned in their catcher's gear. Future batting cages were discussed. They are also getting a bid for another parking lot. Chairman Branam praised Paul Coleman for his work; Mr. Coleman is leaving the City in August.
 - E. 1st Tee
Chairman Branam is expecting an invoice for the scholarships; these will be for Whitehouse kids only.
 - F. Golf Tournament
Maria Davenport has told Chairman Branam that she must have help prior to the day of the tournament if she is to do this again. She needs help with planning, sponsorship, making calls etc. Andrew Focht stated that he would help next year. This year raised about \$2,981.20 and scholarships are \$40 each.
8. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION of items that may need to be considered for future Parks and Recreation meeting agenda(s)/set next meeting date: Chairman Branam
Nothing at this time.

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9. Adjournment: Chairman Branam
Meeting adjourned; no time stated.


Don Branam, Chairman

ATTEST:


Stefani Wright, City Secretary