



## **REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

November 10, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Whitehouse City Council Chambers  
311 East Main Street  
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

*Citizens may address the Commission regarding any posted agenda item by filling out a speakers' card prior to the item being called. These presentations shall be limited to three minutes. The Chair, at his discretion, may reasonably extend the time limit.*

### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Branam called the meeting to order; no time stated.

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

Absent: Daniel Turner and Shane Davenport

A quorum was present.

### **B. PRAYER**

Chairman Branam gave the invocation.

### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Branam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **E. COMMUNITY INTEREST**

*This section of the agenda shall allow any member of the Commission or the City Manager the opportunity to discuss minor, non-action items such as recognitions, scheduling, and upcoming civic events that are not listed on this agenda and which require no action by the Commission.*

None

### **F. PUBLIC FORUM**

*Citizens have an opportunity to address the Commission, which has no obligation to respond in any manner to comments or questions asked of them by the speaker. Any response by a member of the Commission is limited by Texas Law to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future Commission meeting.*

None

### **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

*This section shall provide for items that require action by the Commission, but where no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmative majority vote, items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.*

1. Withdraw items from the Consent Agenda

*Any Commission member may request the removal of any item from the Consent Agenda, in which case the item shall be discussed and voted upon separately.*

2. Minutes of Parks and Recreation regular meeting on September 8, 2015

Nate Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes. Brad Farr seconded the motion.

Ayes: Andrew Focht, Brad Farr, Nate Lambert and Hazel Bateman.

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED.

**H. OTHER ACTION ITEMS / PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Parks

a. City Park

A message board has been placed in the park. The flower beds have been cleaned and are looking good.

1) Music in the Park

Nothing at this time.

2) Movie in the Park

A movie was shown on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA. For the next year the Commission would like to coordinate with the YMCA to be the backup in case of bad weather.

3) Christmas in the Park

Parade begins at 10 a.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup> and the activities in the park begin about that time as well.

b. Splash Park

Heartland does have some ideas to enhance the splash park. Chairman Branam will get back in touch with them to hear the ideas. The possible water park was discussed.

c. Gardenview Park

Swing seats have been replaced.

d. Sports Complex

The complex is closed for maintenance. The fields have been aerated, over seeded with rye grass; Lyme has been put down and the fields fertilized. A pre-emergent will be put out this month. A college exposure tournament took place; almost 35, 18 and under girls teams participated. Several colleges came to see the players. Local restaurants saw about a 22% increase in sales over that weekend.

2. Fall Ball

There were not quite enough teams this first year to have it solely here so it was combined with Chapel Hill; lots of compliments were received about the complex.

3. Golf

a. First Tee

\$6000 was made last year. The Commission will need to decide if the tournament proceeds will still need to go to First Tee or if those funds should be used elsewhere. Mr. Farr & Mr. Focht would like to recruit more help to make the tournament bigger and better than ever.

4. Resignation of Chairman and election of new Chairman

Chairman Branam resigned from the Commission; he will still at the meetings as an advisory position. Andrew Focht moved to elect Nate Lambert as chairman. Brad Farr seconded.

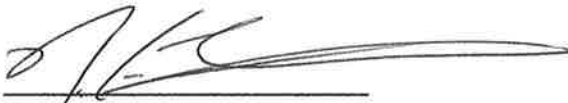
Ayes: Andrew Focht, Brad Farr, Nate Lambert and Hazel Bateman.

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED.

**I. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned; no time stated

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Nate Lambert, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Don Branam, Parks Director