

Draft Minutes of the Van Alstyne Parks and Recreations Board Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 6 p.m.

Van Alstyne Community Center, 262 Preston Ave., Van Alstyne, TX 75495

1. Meeting was called to order by Teddie Ann Salmon, Chairman, at 6:05 p.m.

Voting members present: Teddie Ann Salmon (Chairman), Chris Becherer (Vice Chairman), Kaaren Teuber (Secretary), Mark Swift, Brad Clough, and Robert Shelton - a quorum was present

Voting members absent: Paul Hickson

Attendees and guests: Steve White (Director), Larry Cooper (VA Mayor), Len McManus (City Engineer)

2. Public Comments: none

3. Discuss/approve minutes of January 19 meeting: one correction noted and made - city engineer's name is Len, not Lyn, McManus. Motion to approve minutes as corrected made by Brad Clough, seconded by Chris Becherer, passed unanimously.

4. New Business:

Presentation by Kanita Larkins re Dorothy Fielder Park gazebo - Ms Larkins was not in attendance. Motion to table the discussion till next meeting made by Brad Clough, seconded by Robert Shelton, passed unanimously.

5. Old Business:

- a. Park Update - Steve White

New signs have been received but are not yet installed.

Vandalism at Forrest Moore and East Parks continues to occur; the markings on the playground equipment at Forrest Moore have been cleaned and a bill for the clean-up work amounting to \$462 sent to the parents of the children causing the damage. Doors at concession stand have been painted. Writing on bleachers, benches, and slide. 25 bags of mulch delivered.

- b. Grant update - Mark Swift

Kanita Larkins was not at meeting to update on draft for shade grant. Mark Swift moved we table the discussion until the next meeting, seconded by Chris Becherer, passed unanimously.

- c. Update on application to CDC for engineer funding, park planning - Kanita Larkins

Chris Becherer moved this discussion be tabled until next meeting since Ms Larkins is not present, seconded by Mark Swift, passed unanimously.

- d. Park and Recreation Guidelines review and send to City Council -

#2. Regular meeting time changed to 6 p.m.

#7. Wording revised to reflect procedures for notifying members who miss 2 consecutive meetings.

#8. Open Meetings Act training for each member added

Kaaren Teuber moved we adopt these changes and present them to the Council, seconded by Chris Becherer, passed unanimously.

- e. Master Planning and Long Range Planning Guide - Len McManus, City Engineer

Reviewed parks and recreation inventory sheets - inventory to be complete by next month

Phase 1 of bike trail schematic reviewed - it extends from high school to North Park; a 12 ft concrete trail; it will be out for bids by June. 80% paid by Feds 20% by City.

Discussion followed on amount of parking needed at parks; must be considered in planning for future parks.

Len can recommend a Parks Planner when we reach that part of the planning phase.

6. Closing Comments by Board members:

Robert Shelton discussed needs for young kids re baseball: 240 players, 21 teams

Mark Swift discussed situation for softball and volleyball: decrease in numbers since teams are moving to McKinney. Softball - 50 players. Volleyball numbers are down. Basketball numbers are up from last year to 268.

There is a need for practice fields. Lighting is a problem and is expensive.

With 130 houses being built this year, there will be a problem in accommodating the children in the near future.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. Changed due to spring break. Motion to change date moved by Kaaren Teuber, seconded by Brad Clough, passed unanimously. Community Center must be reserved.

Note: Kaaren Teuber to send corrected minutes from January 19 meeting to Director Steve White who is the only person who can place the minutes on the website.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Becherer at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Robert Shelton, passed unanimously.

Submitted by Kaaren J. Teuber, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kaaren J. Teuber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Kaaren" on top and "J. Teuber" below it.