

Minutes of the Van Alstyne Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Thursday, August 16, 2018
Van Alstyne Community Center, 262 Preston Ave., Van Alstyne, TX 75495

1. Call to Order: Teddie Ann Salmon, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
Voting Members Present: Teddie Ann Salmon, Kaaren Teuber, Linda McConnell Daniels, Gerald Smith. A quorum was present.
Voting Members Absent: Paul Hickson, James Lewis, Mark Swift
Guests: Justin Johnson (Public Works), Len McManus (Contract City Engineer), Lane Jones (City Manager)
2. Public Comments: none
3. Motion to approve the July 19, 2018 minutes was made by Gerald Smith, seconded by Linda McConnell. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Parks Update: Steve White
Motion to table agenda item made by Gerald Smith, seconded by Linda McConnell. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Grant Update: Steve White
Motion to table agenda item made by Gerald Smith, seconded by Linda McConnell. Passed unanimously.
5. New Business:
 - a. Review/Action of Dunaway Priority Rankings - Sub-Division Ordinance #752
Discussion followed:
Georgetown built common area to include walk/jogging trail, amenities center, sports courts + playground and the pocket park. It was an HOA funded project and HOA maintained.
The PD ordinance supersedes the base ordinance at Thompson Farms (by college).
Sanford Park and Greywood Heights Park are giving money to the city in lieu of 5 percent of land. The money will be used to enhance North Park due to the close proximity to North Park.
Most cities have trails close to rail and trails and creeks.
Suggestion made to have new developments put walking and bike trails beside the sidewalks as the development is being built; this would be at no expense to the city.
Commercial development does not require parks. Multi-family units do require parks.
No action was taken on Ordinance #752.
 - b. Review/Action of amended Ord. #827 Parks and Recreation
Historical review presented by Teddie Ann Salmon: At one time Van Alstyne had a Parks Department.
As the money stream is coming due to new housing developments, a Parks Dept. should be considered again. The current Board is an advisory board. There is a need for a Parks Dept budget.
The money that will be received from Sanford Park and Greywood Heights will be put in a project specific account and used only for North Park. It can be used for matching grants.
The goal for the 2019-2020 budget is to have a Parks and Recreation Director as a paid position. The Advisory Board would work with the new Director. The Dunaway Master Plan is leverage to get park projects funded.

Include Parks Board guidelines and bylaws in the next agenda.

c. Discuss.Action - Resignation letter from Mark Swift

Motion made by Kaaren Teuber and seconded by Gerald Smith to accept the resignation of Mark Swift. Passed unanimously.

Next step is to advertise the position for a VASA rep or the current preferred provider.

d. Discuss/action - Ord. 666, Chapter 30 and Parks & Rec Board guidelines regarding absent members

Discussion on this matter was combined with (b) above as part of the guidelines and bylaws.

6. Closing statements:

Len McManus - within 1 month of Sanford development there should be a schematic of North Park's first project.

Lane Jones - he will promote and lobby for specific projects to get city money as appropriate.

Teddie Ann Salmon - "I believe the city needs to develop the Memorial Park located inside North Park. This is the only park that is not totally designated for sports."

7. Motion to adjourn made by Gerald Smith, seconded by Linda McConnell. Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 20 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kaaren Teuber, Secretary