

VA Parks

VA Parks Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Location: Van Alstyne 152 North Main Drive

Date: June 20, 2019

Attendees: Sue-Lynn Voigt, Greg Carrol, Maria Hickson-Grimmett, Kim "Flip" Phillips, Katrina Arsenault Absent: James Lewis, Maricella Derrick Visitors: Lane Jones, Len McManus, Tim Barnes, Tricia and Wade from Pacheco Koch, Mary Jane Farmer, Ken Fischer, Bill Benton, Brad Clough, Ryan Neal, Judy and Wayne Womack, Amber Edwards, Chris and Deb Dorak, Roy Chandler, Alisha Crowell, Ellie Whiteside, Jessica Pond, Don and Darlene Jones

Time: 6:28 pm

Agenda items

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman, Sue-Lynn Voigt called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
- II. **Public Comments-** none
- III. **Discuss/Approve minutes from the May 16, 2019 meeting.** Flip made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Greg and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Discuss/Approve ranking of candidate to fill open seats on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.** The parks have two openings to fill beginning in July. The current members in these seats, Maricella Derrick and James Lewis, did not re-apply to continue serving as board members. Ken Fischer was present and spoke at the meeting. He has been in Van Alstyne for twenty years and stated that he would like to serve in this capacity and give back to the community. Amber Edwards was also present but did not speak. Other applicants were not present. The board ranked applicants and Lane will present recommendations to City Council for their review and approval.
- V. **Pacheco-Koch to present concept drawings for the downtown park, multi-sport complex and North Park. Parks Board and Focus Group to provide input for development of a preferred master plan for each park.** Lane Jones presented information on the importance of creating a social, community driven atmosphere for people to gather in our downtown. The property for the proposed downtown park was purchased by

the city and will be two acres once cleared, which should be in a couple of months. Public works will be moving to their new location near the sewer plant. Lane also explained that McKinney-Wilson is the current park designated for young girls to play softball and the fields flood easily. The city is looking at a sports complex to provide better conditions to allow people of all ages to have better playing conditions. Wade and Tricia provided drawings of all three proposed parks. Visitors and the board were able to ask questions and suggest changes to these plans.

VI. Closing comments by Board Members. The board thanked the public for attending and their input as well as Pacheco-Koch for their hard work on the designs. Sue-Lynn wanted to thank the Parks Employees for their hard work and encouraged the public to thank them as they see them.

VII. Adjournment. Katrina made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maria seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sue-Lynn adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Find funding to add soft surface material to the North Park Playground area.	Lane	5/9/2019	Completed Pic taken 6/7/19 
Parks board members to submit suggestions for focus group members.	Board Members	5/20/2019	Completed. Focus group attended the 6/20/2019 meeting.

Arrange meeting with new VASA board members.

Lane and Sue-Lynn

8/1/2019

Ongoing. VASA was represented in the focus group for their input in parks planning.

Plans to remodel, demolish or replace gazebo at McKinney-Wilson Park

Lane Jones

9/30/2019

Lane is working on this. Gazebo is in poor condition and needs to be updated.

Complete concrete work at Forrest Moore Concessions.

Lane Jones

6/14/2019

Completed.

