

VA Parks

VA Parks Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Location: Van Alstyne 152 North Main Drive

Date: August 15, 2019

Attendees: Sue-Lynn Voigt, Maria Hickson-Grimmett, Kim "Flip" Phillips, Amber Edwards, Dennis Gaubatz, Katrina Arsenault Absent: Greg Carroll
Visitors: Len McManus **Time:** 6:30 pm

Agenda items

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman, Sue-Lynn Voigt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- II. **Public Comments-** none
- III. **Discuss/Approve minutes from the July 25, 2019 minutes.**
Amber made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written. Dennis seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously. Katrina was not present for vote.
- IV. **Discuss/Approve Popsicles in the Park event on August 24, 2019 from 10 to 11am.** Sue-Lynn explained that the EDC, CDC, VASA and Parks Board are all assisting with this community event. Dennis described t-shirts which will be made for the Parks Board Members. Lane had Katrina read his comments for him at meeting. "City Manager will require details on this event. If funding is needed from the City, this will need to be addressed prior to the event taking place. City Manager is in support of this as a community event." Sue-Lynn and Dennis agreed they would donate money to pay for a bounce house. Katrina suggested that we check with Lane for approval of this item due to possible liability issues. Lane will check with legal and notify board. The Parks Board is not asking the City for any money for this event.
- V. **Discussion of items for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.** Katrina read Lane's comments regarding this agenda item. "As discussed at the July Parks meeting, the City Manager seeks recommendations from the Parks Advisory Board on items they feel would fix, improve, or enhance our existing parks. This can include items such as parks benches, picnic tables, shade covers, playground equipment, etc... Budget proposes \$70,000 for this use." Number one priority agreed by all members would be shade structures over playground equipment at North Park and second, at Forrest Moore over

the toddler playground. Sue Lynn suggested that a \$500 amount be allocated for a Popsicle in the Park Event in 2020, Sue-Lynn and Maria suggested that a historical marker be placed at McKinney-Wilson Park educating the public on this parks history and possibly other markers at North Park for past memorial trees and such. Sue-Lynn also suggested markers on the walking trails at Forrest Moore.

- VI. Discussion regarding update on existing parks projects.** Katrina read Lane's report regarding this item. "Removal of concrete grandstand supports: Have yet to coordinate with the company offering to remove the grandstand supports and press box from North Park. The donation of this company's time and resources still stands, but the travel schedule of the company owner has prohibited the initial meeting. City Manager will update the Advisory Board once details are determined. Thus far, only one bid has been received to remove the old electrical panel at North Park and replace it with a smaller breaker box. First bid was just over \$12,000.00. Steve White is to secure two additional bids before any decision can be made. The three grants, seeking two shared use path projects and one sidewalk will be submitted by the end of this week. All three projects made it past the first round of grant review and now require a more detailed application. City Council has passed an ordinance approving the funding the city match portion of the sidewalk project, as this grant requires the city pay 20% of the project cost if it is awarded. KVAB has approved the reallocation of \$110,000 in grant fund to use in purchasing and installing park entry features at North Park, East Park, and Forrest Moore Park. KVAB President has provided a letter endorsing the monuments and the letter, design rendering and specifications are being forwarded to TXDOT for review approval.
- VII. Discussion regarding update to the Parks Master Plan.** Katrina read statement from Lane. "Dunaway presented the Parks Master Plan to the City Council Tuesday evening. Council has approved an ordinance adopting the plan. Any updates, revisions, or recommended changes to The Master Plan the Advisory Board wishes to be considered, should be directed to the City Manager."
- VIII. Review Mission, Goals and Objectives.** All were discussed at great length and explanations given to new parks members.
- IX. Adjournment.** Maria made a motion to adjourn- Dennis seconded. Sue-Lynn adjourned meeting at 7:49pm.