

**Recreation Advisory Board  
April 19, 2017  
Minutes**

Members Present:

Loren Anthony  
Brett Remsberg  
Miles Harvey  
Bill Young  
Matt Guthrie  
Brandi Lane

Members Absent:

Kenny Eaton  
Tony Heilman  
Susie Carson  
Betty Kirkpatrick  
Russ McCaig

Commission Representative:

Youth Commission Representative:

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart   Brian Urton   Don Argo   Tabitha Sharp

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by Chairman, Loren Anthony.

Bill Young moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Brett Remsberg seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**Eagle Scout Project – Kyle Huffman**

- Kyle Huffman stated that he is a Boy Scout from Troop 232 in Towanda. He stated that he is requesting permission to build two GaGa ball pits in El Dorado for his Eagle Scout project.
- Kyle stated that after discussing it with Mr. Wishart, they thought that a 30" tall, 17' wide pit would be best.
- Kyle stated that the pit was good to keep people moving and provided a new attraction in our park system.
- Kyle provided a cost breakdown for two pits for a total of \$1,975.14.
- Matt asked where he had played prior.
- Kyle stated that he had played at Scout camps.
- Loren asked what surface it would be on.
- Kevin stated that it could be on many kinds of surface, they had discussed sand, but hadn't made a decision.
- Bill stated that sand would be tough because the scooping motion would throw sand and make the speed of the ball less.
- Matt asked if it would be ADA.
- Kevin stated that they discussed it, especially at Summit. He stated that their suggestion is to have it at one or two parks to gauge interest and then possibly going to Summit if there is interest.
- Loren stated that he thought that we should start with Summit.

- Kevin stated that if we do that, we would have to also make sure there was sidewalk to the pit.
- Matt asked if the ADA pits had to be larger.
- Kyle stated that it has to include a door and it has to be a certain size.
- Matt asked if Kyle would be teaching kids how to play.
- Kyle stated that there would be a sign with the rules and explanation.
- Miles stated that he would like to see one built first so that we can see if it is used.
- Bill stated that he thought this was a great idea. He asked about traffic in parks.
- Kevin stated that it is North Main, Summit, East and Graham and then the others. He stated that if it is done to ADA specifications, he recommended Summit.
- Bill asked if the others thought that putting it in two parks with high traffic first, and then raise funds for the ADA facility.
- Loren asked if there was existing funding.
- Kevin stated that Kyle will be soliciting donations for some materials and the City has a little bit of funding as well.
- Miles moved to approve one ADA accessible GaGa pit at North Main Park including hard surfacing and sidewalk access.
- Brandi seconded the motion.
- Bill asked that Kyle provide information for the cost of the ADA accessible one.
- Miles asked to make the ADA one as small as they can.
- Kevin stated that he would research surface.
- Motion carried 6 – 0.

#### **Parks and Recreation Facility Naming**

- Review the policy and make a recommendation on the name of the Disc Golf Course.
- Loren stated that he would like to wait until the next meeting.
- Matt recommended Bill Johnson.
- Brandi recommended El Dorado Disc Golf Course.
- Miles stated that he thought that we just needed to get rid of the second sentence on number three.
- Brandi asked if number four is too subjective.
- Bill stated that he thought it was there because the Commission was trying to prevent naming facilities after random people.
- Loren stated that he liked that sentence.
- Miles moved to adopt the Naming Policy with the deletion of the second sentence in number three.
- Bill seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 6 – 0.
- Tabled the naming of the Disc Golf Course.

#### **United Way – Born Learning Trail**

- Kevin stated that it is designed for Pre-K Youth to learn how to read.

- He stated that the United Way has recommended putting the things on the sidewalk at Gordy Park. He stated that he recommended the library as a proposed location but there isn't a full sidewalk.
- He stated that they would install and maintain it. He stated that it would not impact the usability of the park.
- He stated that he would send pictures to the committee.
- Miles asked what the longevity of the signs was.
- Kevin stated that the United Way has indicated that they will take care of all maintenance and repair, but if they become too damaged, it would be removed by city staff.
- Matt asked if it was paint.
- Kevin stated that he thought it was paint in some areas and a graphic that adheres to the sidewalk in others.
- Kevin stated that there was no cost to the city.
- Bill moved to allow the United Way Born Learning Trail at Gordy or Library Park based on discussion between staff and the United Way.
- Miles seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m. when Miles had to leave.

#### **New Business**

- Bill asked if work had been done at McDonald Stadium.
- Kevin stated that there had been.
- Bill stated that BCC is putting in temporary wireless for the regionals.
- Loren asked what they had done at McDonald Stadium.
- Kevin stated that as we were working to re-direct the drainage and struck some ground water. They left it temporarily to see if it would help McDonald Stadium. He stated that the field has not been holding water now. He stated that the project will continue and be directed out to the creek.
- Matt asked how the greens were at Prairie Trails.
- Brian stated that Jason had mentioned they were great.
- Brandi stated that Taylor at the Y was leaving and there is a reception on Friday.
- Brandi stated that there are 300 runners at the El Dorado Half, she thanked the city for clearing the mud at the tunnel so that no runners fell.
- Brandi asked about the plan for the next task force meeting.
- Tabitha stated that staff were working on a plan to implement the Master Plan over a period of time. She stated that staff will present the board with the information by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Matt asked if we had received the Aquatic Center bids.
- Tabitha stated that the RFQ's do not have price information. Once we choose an engineer, they will discuss the options for the facility and then provide a price.
- Brett stated that on May 6<sup>th</sup> Fielders' Choice will be coming to do a clinic for 7 and 8 year olds.
- Loren asked when the new board is coming.

- Tabitha stated that they would be in May. Wendy Wilkinson has been appointed and Tanya Cox is submitting an application.

#### **Director's Report**

- Machine pitch and t-ball coaches are covered and there have been meetings with them.
- Kevin thanked Bill for helping find a softball coach.
- Kevin stated that staff are in discussions with the YMCA about partnering for swim lessons. He stated that the discussion was good at the local level but there were some hiccups above that. He stated that he heard this afternoon that they think the issues have been worked through and they will iron out details tomorrow.
- Kevin stated that we are having a tremendous problem with vandalism in our parks. He stated that Summit has been the worst so far.
- Brandi asked if there was a plan to help the issue.
- Kevin stated that there isn't currently a plan. He stated that there were automatic doors installed at one point at Summit, but the vandals beat the doors up. He stated that the police are patrolling and we are trying to get it out in the paper so neighbors can keep an eye on it.
- Brandi recommended putting it out to the mom's groups in El Dorado to help keep an eye out.