



Lavon Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2014

I. CHAIRMAN BODWELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:13 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Jenny Bodwell
Board Member Seat 1, Mike Gulino
Board Member Seat 2, Jason Bunting
Board Member Seat 3, Grant Winans
Board Member Seat 5, Kathryn Owens

Members Absent: Board Member Seat 4, Bradley Tiegs

City Staff Present: City Administrative Assistant Kelly Davis

Other Commission or
Board Members Present: None

Visitors: None

There was a quorum present.

II. CHAIRMAN BODWELL LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BOARD MEMBER WINANS GAVE THE INVOCATION.

III. ITEMS OF INTEREST / BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

None

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the June 30, 2014 Meeting (Davis)*

Motion: Board Member Bunting moved to accept the Minutes of the June 30, 2014 Meeting as is.

Second: Board Member Gulino

In Favor: Board Member Gulino, Bunting, Winans and Owens

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. Board to Consider and Act on selecting a Vice-Chair for the Board (Bodwell)

Board Member Jason Bunting nominated himself as Vice-Chair for the Board. All Board Members were in favor of this nomination and Board Member Bunting accepted.

Motion: Board Member Bunting made motion to nominate himself as Vice-Chair for the Board.

Second By: Board Member Winans

In Favor: Board Members Gulino, Bunting, Winans and Owens

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries



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B. Board to Consider and Act on selecting a Board Secretary (Bodwell)

Board Member Gulino nominated Board Member Kathryn Owens as Board Secretary. All Board Members were in favor and Board Member Owens accepted.

Motion: Board Member Gulino nominated Board Member Owens as Board Secretary.

Second By: Board Member Winans

In Favor: Board Members Gulino, Bunting, Winans and Owens

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Board to Discuss Future Parks Comprehensive Plan (Bodwell)

Chairman Bodwell stated that the focus of the Board needs to be: the Grant for the pond walking trails, Mayor's Grant for land for the Sport's Complex, and a very detailed Future Parks Plan. Chairman Bodwell also stated that she wanted to discuss ideas for the Future Parks Plan tonight and add an Item for Discussion on next Meeting Agenda for Board Members to discuss where these ideas should be placed throughout the City. Chairman Bodwell asked the Board Members to keep four things in mind when discussing ideas and activities for the Future Parks Plan: Nature, Water, Sports, and Entertainment. She also expressed her desire to beautify the City and make it more aesthetically pleasing. Board Member Gulino shared his ideas for a splash/spray park, possibly in Bently Farms. Board Member Owens explained that she liked the idea of splash/spray park, but thought it would be more beneficial in one large park in a centralized location instead of smaller activities spread out through the neighborhoods and areas of Lavon. She stated that she felt this would be beneficial due to less land to purchase for the City, as well as cheaper utilities. Board Member Winans shared several ideas for Parks and Recreation projects. He stated that he felt a dog park would be very beneficial to the City. He informed the Board that they are very popular and cheap. He said that he felt that most citizens in Lavon have pets and would utilize this dog park frequently. He stated that it would need a water fountain, a few benches, chain link fence and a little concrete. Board Member Owens stated that she thought it would be quick, cheap and a great way to show citizens that the Board Members are busy and working to improve the City. Board Member Winans also informed the Board Members that he felt a community garden would be a great investment for the City. He suggested growing watermelons, and then incorporating them into a Summer Festival. He also mentioned growing pumpkins and selling them cheap and also incorporating them into a Fall Festival with possible pumpkin carving contest and a pumpkin pie contest. Board Member Winans also stated that growing squash and/or zucchini would be another possibility. He informed the Board Members that all of the fruits and vegetables that he mentioned are typically easy to grow without a lot of constant supervision. Board Member Winans also stated that he felt now is the time to fix and prepare the pond for the walking trails. He informed the Board members that the pond is extremely low right now and it is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the situation. Board Member Bunting brought up the idea of having an Arboretum type nature area around the walking trails. He felt that using local plants and flowers would be beneficial and also mentioned adding signage to the foliage with the scientific name as well as their common name so that it could also be educational. Board Member Winans stated that he thought that would be a great idea and to



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also add bird feeders, bat nest/houses and owl houses. Chairman Bodwell stated that she also wanted the Board Members to still keep in mind the idea of a Frisbee golf course. Board Member Bunting stated that he felt that it would be good to have a large green area, an open space that could have multiple uses. Board Member Gulino asked about restrooms, water fountains and a splash park at City Hall Park. All Board Members felt that it would be used frequently. Board Member Owens asked if community donations were a possibility. Chairman Bodwell stated that she thought it was possible, but would research it further. Board Member Winans suggested using portable bathrooms as opposed to building restroom facilities. He stated that it would be cheaper for the City to do this. Chairman Bodwell stated that she felt a large tract of land and one centralized location would be best for the Sports Complex. She also asked the Board Members how they felt about trying to build an Amphitheater. The response from other Board Members was not overwhelming. Board Member Bunting did mention possibly doing a family lawn chair movie night with a blow up projection screen. Other Board Members liked this idea as well.

RECESS AT 8:15P.M. -- RECONVENED AT 8:18P.M.

B. Board to Discuss a tentative job description for the Community Center/Events Coordinator (Bodwell)

Chairman Bodwell asked that Item "B" be tabled until she can discuss the matter further with City Council.

C. Board to Discuss Cooperative Purchasing Network. (Bodwell)

Chairman Bodwell asked that Item "C" be tabled. She stated that she would like to get more details about this network from Ron Baranek.

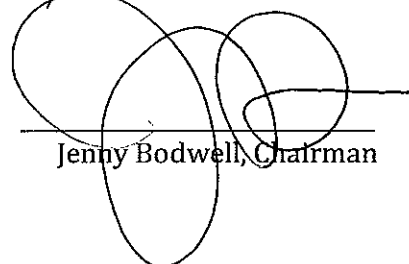
VIII. BOARD TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Chairman Bodwell asked to discuss location possibilities for the activities mentioned at meeting tonight. She would like for Board Members to decide on several small parks in designated areas of Lavon, or one large park with all activities in one centralized location.

IX. PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADJOURN PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Chairman Bodwell adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Duly passed and approved on this 8th day of September, 2014.



Jenny Bodwell, Chairman

Attest:

Chris Wess, City Secretary