



The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 8th day of March, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine a Quorum is Present.

Chairman Roger Christensen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following Park Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Christensen and Commissioners David Smith, Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith, Carolyn Gabriel, Stephen Parker, Kathy Hill, Danielle Bolton, and Jack Dean. Absent were Commissioners Belinda Ealy, Linda Tarin, and Jackie Walton. Also present were City Staff member Melinda Moritz, resident Robert Jarzombek, and guests Byron Sanderfer and Abe Salinas, of LNV Engineering, and Tye Hall and Joe du Menil, of Ecoservices, Inc.

2. Review and Approval of the February 8, 2018 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 regular Park Commission meeting minutes, with corrections. Commissioner Gabriel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to Be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

4. Reports on Activities that Impact Parks or Access to Parks

Chairman Christensen stated that he would like to move Item B. to the front, as there were guest speakers present. The Commission agreed.

B. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on a Proposed Rain Garden at Raymond Rimkus Park

Staff member Moritz gave a presentation on a proposed rain garden to be located at Raymond Rimkus Park. She stated that the entrance to the park off of Forest Meadow had some drainage concerns and that the area was frequently flooded. She explained that in order to address this flooding, she was proposing that a bio-swale feature be installed. She then introduced Byron Sanderfer, of LNV Engineering, who gave a presentation on what the rain garden would look like. Commissioner Smith made a

motion to recommend the installation of a rain garden with a bio-swale at Raymond Rimkus Park, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Revise the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan (R. Christensen)

1. Sections 1-4 - Objectives and Goals, Statement of Purpose, Leon Valley Demographics, Leon Valley Parkland and Nearby Recreational Resources.

Chairman Christensen stated that starting on page 21 of the plan, he noted that the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park needed to be added, that the Plan should identify the Leon Valley Community Pool as a park, and that the Huebner-Onion Homestead should be removed, as it did not belong to the City. He noted that on page 23, he recommended changing the last sentences referencing the Old Mill area and to add any new amenities such as the playscape, Little Free Library, and the new pavilion that will be installed this year. He stated that the other two new parks should also be added. A general discussion was held on proposed changes to the Master Plan. Ms. Moritz stated that she would be bringing the revised sections to future meetings as the Commissioners went through the Plan.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Veteran's Memorial Park

Chairman Christensen opened the discussion by stating that he would like to have the Veteran's Memorial Park included in the Park Master Plan. Commissioner Gabriel made a motion to include the Veteran's Memorial Park in the Park Master Plan.

Commissioner Smith asked what the consequences of that type of action would be. Staff member Moritz stated that she could not think of any consequences.

Chairman Christensen stated that there would be no property value changes, as the property was already exempt from taxation. Staff member Moritz agreed, stating that while the property had a value, it was not taxed as it belonged to the City.

Commissioner Bolton seconded Ms. Gabriel's motion. Commissioner Parker asked if anyone could think of any negative consequences from this action. Commissioner Smith asked if it would be prudent to have a metes and bounds survey performed to get the exact measurements of the area. Staff member Moritz stated that it was probably not necessary. Chairman Christensen called for the vote, which carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and Possible Action – City's Comprehensive Master Plan

Staff member Moritz explained that due to the technical difficulties being experienced at the Conference Center, she was unable to show them the presentation she had

planned, but that the City's Master Plan could be accessed from the City website and that she would bring copies of the relevant sections of the Plan to the next meeting.

4. Discussion and Possible Action – Park Survey

Staff member Moritz stated that she had created a survey with Survey Monkey and then explained the set of questions that had been developed. She noted that the survey could be delivered to the citizens in several different formats.

Chairman Christensen stated that the survey listed in the Park Master Plan was from 2014 and asked if Ms. Moritz would be able to find it for the Commissioners. Staff member Moritz stated that she did not know where the original survey was stored.

A discussion was held on the survey delivery method. Chairman Christensen noted that they could discuss the delivery method at a future meeting, but that the questions should be finalized first. Ms. Moritz stated that she would bring a final copy of the survey to the next meeting. There being no further commentary, Chairman Christensen closed the discussion.

5. Commissioner and Staff Comments

Staff member Moritz gave a brief report on the progress of the Evers Road bridge project, explaining that the gas main contractor was expected to perform the reconnection in the next week and again reminded everyone that they may experience the smell of gas at that time. She further explained that the new completion date was to be July 6, 2018, but that the contractor was planning on making up some time by working several Saturdays to try and have the bridge opened by the July 4th holiday.

Commissioner Parker asked about the SAWS project and how that would affect the bridge. Ms. Moritz explained that the SAWS W-2 project had been delayed again.

Commissioner Hill stated that she had been vacationing in Yellowstone National Park for the past eleven days and was glad to have seen the park during the winter. She noted how proud she was of the country making the effort to include this area as a National Park.

Chairman Christensen stated that he would like to hold the May Park Commission meeting at the new Old Mill Park.

Commissioner Bolton noted that she would be attending the state basketball championships and that this would be the first time since 1989 that this chance was to occur.

Commissioner Smith noted that the new park fees had been approved by the City Council.

7. Adjourn.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Parker. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Roger Christensen, Chairman



Date