

**Minutes**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**April 2, 2019**

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board convened in a Regular Meeting, and the same being opened to the public at their regular meeting place; thereof, at City Hall, 303 S. Teel Drive, Devine, Texas. Notice of said meeting having been prescribed in Chapter 551, Government Code, and Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, and the following members thereof, being present, namely:

Debbie Randall – Chairman  
Mary Allison  
Linda Gunn  
Lauren Moore

Absent being Vice Chairman Albert Garza; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Denise Duffy, City Accountant; Mayor Herring; Tom Cate, City Attorney; and Ofilia Pedroza, UB Clerk.

Others present: None.

Chairman Debbie Randall, presiding, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider Approval of Minutes for Meeting on February 5, 2019.

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion by Board Member Allison, seconded by Board Member Gunn to Approve the Minutes for Meeting on February 5, 2019.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Vice Chairman Garza

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to discuss and consider Langford Community Management Services' suggestions for Master Park Plan changes required for grant submissions.

Ms. Judy Langford addressed the Board and handed out the City of Devine Master Park Plan Priority Facility List. She told the Board that it's been a while that we've updated this list, and she understands that we have a few changes. She advised that for the purpose of submitting the park application, we want to make sure that at least the top three on the list, and preferably more than that, are what we want to see on the next park application because that helps with the scoring. She

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said that Playgrounds, Trails and Splash pad were the top three on the list. She told the Board that if they're not thinking of doing the splash pad, to let her know if they want the swimming pool. Chairman Randall stated that at the February meeting, they did discuss the whole list and talked about leaving the splash pad on the list. She said it doesn't have to be at the top, it can be at the bottom, but they just wanted it on the list. She said we need to add the pool to the list and that they had talked about putting a fishing pond on the 41 acres by Libold (if it were to ever happen), down at the bottom to catch water from the drainage. Board Member Allison stated that the Board talked about a Splash pad draining into a fish pond.

Board Member Linda Gunn stated that we are not even close to the 41 acres. According to Chairman Randall, they're still working on that but we would still need to have it on the list if we want to apply for any grant money. Judy Langford told the Board that it's a good idea to have it on the list, and it's a good idea to put the things that you want to see in the next park application, towards the top of the list. So, she said that tonight's exercise was to go over that with them, to see what they thought it needed to look like and if we needed to make any changes, and to get it to Council by June. She said we need to make sure to update anything that has changed, and to her knowledge, that's probably the only thing that has changed. Ms. Langford explained that for an application, if the City chooses to make an application, we will put a dollar figure to it and identify where it's going. For a park plan, we just need to identify it as a priority item for the City.

Ms. Langford told the Board that we can prioritize things a number of ways. For example, if we wanted pavilions in every park (which currently is at #4 on the list), that would be a priority for the City and we might want to put that at the top of the list. Or, she explained, that making sure that we have a playground in each one of the parks that we develop – that's a priority. She explained that it may not be because we don't have any (because we do have them), but we want to make sure that they are in every park; that makes it a priority.

Board Member Mary Allison stated that we only have two parks right now and they each have a playground. Ms. Langford stated that if we were building a new park, a playground would be a top priority. Ms. Allison then stated, "I know I'm the only one who believes this, but I do think we should go with a Splash pad, and we can always build a pool later." Chairman Randall did not agree.

Board held lengthy discussion. Board Member Gunn commented that we need a lot of things but Devine is not a rich city.

Judy Langford suggested to put the top four things that we do regularly for each park. She told the Board that we can add the pool to the list but to put it in the top five and we can also add the splash pad; either one would give us the same number of points to help with the scoring. She told the Board that they need to decide on what they want to do – do they want to add or take away anything on the list.

After another lengthy discussion with Judy, the Board created the priority facility list for the park in order to get the grant, as follows:

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1. Playground
2. Pavilion
3. Tables & Benches
4. Trails
5. Multi-Purpose/Open Play Fields
6. BBQ Pits
7. Splash Pad
8. Pool
9. Volleyball Court
10. Basketball Court
11. Native Landscaping/Xeriscaping
12. Shade Structures
13. Educational Signage
14. Exercise Stations
15. Amphitheater
16. Baseball/Softball Fields
17. Community Gardens
18. Camping Areas
19. Fishing Pond

Ms. Langford told the Board that any changes and recommendations have to go before Council by June for an August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to Texas Parks & Wildlife for an October 1<sup>st</sup> application submittal.

Board held a heated discussion over a pool vs. a splash pad

City Accountant Denise Duffy told the Board that they need to make a decision on the Priority List.

Motion by Board Member Gunn, seconded by Board Member Allison to approve the revised Attachment A – Master Park Plan Priority Facility List as read by Chairman Randall (listed above).

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Vice Chairman Garza

Motion carried.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider options for location of new pool.

Chairman Randall talked about the 40 acres by Libold and the Golf Course Business Plan. She mentioned that the Parks & Recreation Board knew nothing about this until it came out in the newspaper. She added that it would've been nice to have been a part of it since they are an advisory board. Mayor Herring stated that this was a proposed plan done by consultants. It is a work in progress. Ms. Randall added that it would be a great spot to put in a new pool.

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City Accountant Denise Duffy told the Board to keep in mind that all of it is the City's.

Lengthy was held.

No action was taken.

The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider requesting City Council to purchase and place grills for both parks.

Chairman Randall informed the Board that per Interim City Administrator, we do not need to discuss this because it is already a budgeted item.

No action was taken.

The fifth order of business was Informational Items.

- Purchase of House - The City purchased a house on Tilley Street next to the John Curcio Park. This will be great for the park.

There being no further discussion to come before the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, motion was made by Board Member Allison, seconded by Board Member Gunn to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Vice Chairman Garza

Motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary