

Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
September 4, 2019

On this 4th day of September, 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 being present:

Debbie Randall – Chairman
Mary Allison
Linda Gunn
Lauren Moore

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

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; City Engineer Raul Garcia; and Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo.

Others present: Mayor Cory Thompson, Aurora Hernandez and Julia Burford of Devine, Texas.

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

The first order of business was to discuss and consider approval of Minutes for Meeting held on April 2, 2019.

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion by Board Member Allison, seconded by Board Member Gunn to approve the Minutes for Meeting held on April 2, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to discuss the grant issue and future of parks for Devine.

The Board held lengthy discussion on this. According to the Board, the Master Plan is up-to-date. They discussed that a grant will not be happening this year, but maybe the next year or the following year.

No action was taken.

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The third order of business was to discuss the parks' emergent program.

Chairman Randall told the Board she had spoken to Superintendent of Municipal Golf Course Ruben Chapa regarding the emergent program. She went on to explain to the Board how the emergent program would work. She told the Board that the park has to be closed for 36 hours after it is treated, according to Mr. Chapa.

The Board held discussion.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez informed the Board that we will create a work order for Superintendent of Devine Municipal Golf Course Ruben Chapa to spray the park between October 1 – 15, 2019; and then we'll do another work order for June, 2019.

The fourth order of business was to discuss the Sand Volleyball Court.

The Board held lengthy discussion on a Sand Volleyball Court versus a Basketball Court. Some items of discussion and comments were:

- The dimensions of the courts
- The possibility of striping basketball courts for volleyball courts and having both as an option.
- High school and junior high courts
- Volleyball court – It could be behind the pavilion area at the Briscoe Park.
- The basketball court – At this time, it's not known if it will be at the Briscoe or John Curcio Park.
- Volleyball court at the creek could be used for basketball court area
- Are we looking at a half-court or full-court? Might as well do a full-court.

City Engineer Raul Garcia presented the Board with plans and projected cost for basketball and volleyball courts.

Chairman Randall commented that by the cost of these courts, we may not be able to do these at all. She inquired if our Public Works guys could do any of the work to help offset the cost of this project.

According to Director of Public Works, Ismael Carrillo, they can do some of the prep work but not all of it.

Board Member Allison asked if asphalt would be cheaper to use. According to City Engineer Raul Garcia, you would have a base there and asphalt, but he said asphalt would not last as long. Chairman Randall stated that we would need to pick which one we want to use depending on the cost.

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Board Member Allison inquired if we will need to pick between having a Volleyball Sand Court or a Basketball Court.

Discussion was held.

Chairman Randall thanked City Engineer Raul Garcia for the sketch he provided on the basketball court. She said it was an eye-opener on the cost involved.

Board Member Gunn commented that we need to know where and when so we can see if we can get local help.

Chairman Randall asked City Engineer Raul Garcia if he could bring something for the volleyball court for the next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting. She said that Jourdanton's sand volleyball court is kind of what she wants.

No action was taken.

The fifth order of business was to discuss status of BBQ grills for both parks.

Discussion was held that the BBQ grills have been installed at the parks and they are usable. Board Member Gunn commented that she drove by the John Curcio Park and they look very nice.

No action was taken.

The sixth order of business was Informational Items.

The following items were discussed:

- Devine Little League – Aurora Hernandez held lengthy discussion with the Board about the lighting and other things that they need help with. She said both dugouts need to be re-done and they need the press box fixed. Lengthy discussion was also held on helping the Little League getting a grant, using the school's fields, and even trying to find land to build new fields. According to Ms. Hernandez, they would need approximately 10-20 acres; Ms. Hernandez said she would like two baseball and two softball fields. Some discussion was held on the City's 40 acres near the golf course. Ms. Hernandez will get with the Little League to see exactly what they will do if they were to get land. According to Chairman Randall, the Parks Board can ask Council about what the City can do to help them out right now. Discussion was held that maybe the Devine News could put something in the paper to help get more help for the Little League. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez also added that we could add the Devine Little League on the City's website and suggested getting with the Chamber of Commerce to see if they could put something on their website to help them out.

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- BBQ Grills – Board Member Lauren Moore pointed out that there should be information about the BBQ grills coming out in the new newspaper and also about the person who donated the pit.
- Next Meeting – The next meeting for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

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

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

Motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary