

Cameron Park Board Meeting
August 25 2016
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman – Bill Gimson
Cory Brown
Wendy Copple
Ruth Hammontree
Jennifer Helmich
Jason Jones
Carrie Sybert
Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

Al Briggs

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director
Steve Garr
Wally Gallum – Cameron Newspaper

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of June 23, 2016 Minutes

A quorum from the June 23, 2016 meeting was not present to approve the minutes. The June 23, 2016 minutes will be placed on the September agenda for approval.

Approval of July 28, 2016 Minutes

Ms. Hammontree made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting; seconded by Mr. Whalen. *On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 3 (Gimson, Jones, Sybert), absent – 1.*

Public Participation

Batting Cages

The Baseball team asked permission to fix up the area where the batting cages are located. At this time, they are not asking for any monetary funds, just permission to fix up the area.

When it is rainy, the area is too muddy and they are not able to use the batting cages. They would like to fix the area from the fence at field 3 to where the dead tree is located (the dead tree will be removed). The team will place rail road ties around the area. They would also like to add another tunnel for a new cage.

Mr. Garr stated that he does not see any problem with the propose improvements as it will only level out and create a more useable surface.

Ms. Sybert made a motion to allow the school to re-do the batting cage area; seconded by Ms. Copple. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

The Board asked the school representative to provide plans to Mr. Garr prior to the start of the project.

Treasurer's Report

The current fiscal year will end in September.

Director/Foreman's Report

Additional Lighting

The request for additional street lights along Seminary and Park Avenue has been passed along to the Utilities Director. The Utilities Department is working on this request and hopes to have the area lit up soon.

Vandalism

Staff has received an update on the vandalism at the parks from the Police Department. There was an issue with the video at McCorkle Park. During the last lightning storm, the equipment was knocked off-line. The useable footage is still being reviewed and an update will be provided when received.

Aquatic Facility

A disability rights complaint was filed against the City of Cameron Parks with the US Department of Justice concerning the Aquatic Facility. Specifically, pool lift equipment, accessible toilets, showers and sinks in the restrooms.

Staff has responded a pool chair lift was installed prior to the start of the season and Larkin Aquatics has certified the entrance into the facility is in fact compliant. These two issues have been closed. Staff further stated the Board is working on funding to address the restroom concerns.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Garr stated that at this time Lanny Wake and himself are the only employees on staff. The other part-time summer staff is on an "as needed" basis on weekends through Christmas.

Old Business

A: Aquatic Facility Water Slide Inspection & Recommendations

The final inspection report was received from the fiberglass specialist, Solid Waterslide, LLC., for the water slide. Recommendations for repairs were given in three ascending levels, Solid Waterslide, LLC recommended the middle recommendation; however, if funding of a new facility does not happen, they recommend that repairs be completed at the top level. Levels of repairs are as follows:

1. \$4,620: Repair of cracks, chips and seams of the interior slide surface;
2. \$7,920: Interior repairs as above plus recaulk slide seams, buff and wax & exterior slide surface crack repairs;
3. \$15,708: Interior/Exterior repairs as above plus recoat the rusted areas of the stair tower and install new non-skid tape on the treads and landings

Mr. Bontrager stated that he does not anticipate any additional costs above the quotes given by Solid Waterslide, LLC.

At the July meeting, the Board requested more time to think about the proposal from Solid Waterslide, LLC.

Mr. Whalen asked how long the repairs would take to complete.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the repairs would take a few days to complete; however, it would take longer for the chemicals to dry once they are applied.

Chairman Gimson stated that if a new facility is able to be built, it will still take a few years for a new facility to be built after funding becomes available.

Mr. Bontrager stated if the repairs are completed this fall, the slide will be protected from the winter elements.

Ms. Hammontree stated that the slid is basically the only attraction at the pool; however, she does not want to spend the money for the third repair option.

Chairman Gimson stated that the slide needs to be waxed at a minimum.

Mr. Whalen asked if there were any other issues with the slide.

Mr. Garr stated that he was not aware of any issues at this time.

Mr. Whalen asked about the disability claim and how the State would discipline the City.

Mr. Bontrager stated that as long as the City is showing progress or effort to remediate the situation the State will work with the City; however, if the efforts remain stagnant, the issue will escalate.

Mr. Garr stated that the third option presented would be the best option for rust protection; however, he believes the second option would be acceptable.

Mr. Bontrager recommends the mid-range option and if in a year there are not any plans for a new slide, the company can come back and complete the level three repairs.

Ms. Helmich made a motion to approve the mid-level repairs from Solid Waterslide, LLC and schedule the repairs as soon as possible; seconded by Mr. Brown. *On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.*

New Business

A: YMCA Aquatic Facility Reports

Mr. Bontrager stated that Mary Jo Eiberger hopes to have the year-end reports for presentation in September.

Chairman Gimson stated that he Ms. Eiberger did not indicate any issues. Ms. Eiberger also expressed that the decision to no open through Labor Day was a good idea as she did not have enough staff.

B: Committee Report – Agreement School District Use of City Fields

Mr. Brown stated that the committee, made up of select Park Board member and members of the school district, has met and Dr. Robinson and the district are open to contributing money, labor or both to the City for usage of the Ball Fields.

The School District would also like to be included in the future if extensive improvements are made to the baseball fields.

A field usage agreement has been drafted by Mr. Garr and the committee recommends it for approval.

The Committee is asking for the Park Board's blessing to submit the agreement for their approval.

The agreement involves small monetary fees for labor and materials to prepare the fields. There is no usage fee. The fee would be \$100 per field per event to prep the fields.

The School District would be responsible for handling the scheduling and clean-up after their events. Additional charges, \$100, would be assessed if the School District does not fulfill their duties and the Parks Department has to clean up after an event. Clean-up included restrooms, parking lot, fields and the surrounding area.

There are approximately 20 games and two tournaments per year.

Coach Kristie Stover asked to place something in the agreement for practices as the school district does not have the necessary equipment to prep the fields.

Mr. Garr stated that there would be no charge for practices as the City will drag the fields. The charge for game prep includes practices.

Chairman Gimson recommended placing a clause in the agreement that Park Staff will prep the fields for practices as general maintenance.

Mr. Garr stated that the agreement can be amended every year as needed.

Mr. Jones stated that the parents and boosters of the baseball/softball players completed a lot of improvements at the fields the last week and they look very nice.

Mr. Brown made a motion to submit the Field Usage Agreement to the School District for approval and for the School Board to participate with future capital improvement projects in the future; seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

John Fieghert stated that the trash issue needs to be discussed with the YMCA after their games as well.

Miscellaneous

Crossroads Crush

Mr. Jones stated that the Crossroads Crush event will take place on September 17th and encouraged everyone to attend.

Halloween Event

Mr. Jones stated that some community churches will be holding a Halloween event at McCorkle Park again this year.

Aquatic Facility Funding

Chairman Gimson stated that he met with Mark Gaugh and Jeri-Ann Eddins about the aquatic facility. Mark Gaugh stated that the EDOC tax will be discussed with City Council and he will report back what he finds out.

Adjourn

Ms. Copple made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hammontree. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on September 22, 2016 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 pm.

*Chris Martin
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*Bill Gimson
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