



MINUTES OF THE TEXAS TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE HELD ON June 28, 2022

A meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Parks & Trails Committee was held on June 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

A/B. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Larry Loeks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the following committee members were in attendance: Larry Loeks, Jennifer Bussies, Tricia Keala, Emily Beutel. Also present was Deputy Superintendent Brooke Hovenkamp. Ellen Hector arrived at 5:25 p.m. Linda Kerr and James Whittaker were absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMENT

There was none.

D. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Beutel offered a motion, supported by Ms. Bussies, motion carried, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 24, 2022 MEETING.

Motion by Ms. Keala, seconded by Ms. Bussies, motion carried, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting as presented.

F. Splash Pad Status Update

Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp explained that the splash pad bid closed on June 9 and two bids were received. One was exceptionally high and the other was approximately \$125,000 over budget. The bid does not include seating, signage or shade – all of which will need to be discussed and funding determinations made. The Township Board has had some discussion on the status of the project and requested a more detailed budget to identify overages and if there are any possibilities for savings.

Ms. Keala inquired about the fencing for the project. The fencing was an alternate, and was an added cost of \$40,000. Given the bids being over budget, it is not likely that a fence will be part of the initial scope. Ms. Keala also inquired if any splash pad companies submitted bids.

Ms. Beutel shared that the Township Board is working through how to fund the overage.

Ms. Bussies inquired about providing communication to the donors.

The Township Board is slated to review the bids at their July 11th meeting.

G. Proposed Text Amendment - eBikes

Deputy Hovenkamp provided proposed amendments for allowing class 1 and 2 e-bikes in certain trailways. The Township Board discussed the topic of eBikes and would like to hold a public hearing in July/August to get feedback from the community.

Ms. Keala suggested that regulations and standards need to have consistent verbiage throughout amendment. Ms. Keala inquired about including ADA compliant mobility vehicles.

Mr. Loeks suggested that the park regulation should read parks and trails. Deputy Hovenkamp will change trailway to pathway.

Ms. Bussies stated that the committee did approve a ban on vaping, smoking, etc. and this needs to be added to the parks regulations.

Ms. Keala stated that there should be a point of clarification for paved pathways.



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Mr. Loeks recommended that the entire document needs some attention. Deputy Hovenkamp will keep the committee updated.

H. DOG PARK

Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp explained that the Township Board tabled the discussion on the dog park and needed more information on cost, etc. Ms. Keala stated she would research and provide more information on costs of creating this park.

Ms. Beutel stated that the board had concerns over the size of the park and wondering about a small dog section. There was also a discussion about a larger dog park on 6th street; however, one has to drive to that park versus the one in the downtown area.

Ms. Keala stated that as the parks increase there will be a future need of employees to maintain the parks.

I. OPEN ISSUES

Mr. Loeks mentioned that the trailway between the brewery and the Texas Drive Park needs repair.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Keala, seconded by Ms. Bussies, motion carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting date: July 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted

Approved:

Jennifer A. Bussies, Secretary

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