



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2017, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Brenham City Hall, Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas

Members present:

Bill Betts, Jim Baker, Pam Hohlt, Paula Buls, Darron Smith, Ginger Bosse, and Delbert Boeker

Members absent:

Luis Mendoza and Robert Haberman

City staff present:

Wende Ragonis, Dane Rau, Crystal Locke, Tammy Jaster, Casey Redman, Stephen Gerhard and Paula Shields

Others present:

Elizabeth Price from Upchurch Architecture and Jo Al Picone representing the Brenham's Evening Lion's Club

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Citizens/Visitor Comments**

There were no visitor comments.
- 3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the February 8, 2017 Regular Meeting and the April 12, 2017 Special Meeting**

A motion was made by Delbert Boeker and seconded by Darron Smith to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2017 regular meeting and the April 12, 2017 special meeting.

Chair Bill Betts called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Board Member Jim Baker	Yes
Board Member Bill Betts	Yes
Board Member Delbert Boeker	Yes
Board Member Robert Haberman	Absent
Board Member Pam Hohlt	Yes
Board Member Paula Buls	Yes
Board Member Luis Mendoza	Absent
Board Member Darron Smith	Yes
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes

4. Discuss and Consider Receipt of a Donation from the Brenham Evening Lion Club For a Water Fountain

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that the City of Brenham's Parks Department was contacted by the Brenham's Evening Lions Club regarding a donation of a large "Lion's Head" water fountain. Jo Al Picone, who represents the Brenham's Evening Lions Club, explained that it is the Lions Club International's centennial year (serving Brenham for approximately 80 years). The Brenham's Evening Lions Club would like its legacy project to be a donation of a lion's head water fountain to be installed at one of Brenham's city parks. The estimated cost of this water fountain is approximately \$5,000. The City would have to install a 36" x 48" concrete pad for the water fountain installation. A concrete pad of 30" x 40" or larger would need to be installed in front of the water fountain in order to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Picone recommended the water fountain be installed in the new park by the Library. It would take about 5 weeks for delivery of the fountain.

A motion was made by Paula Buls and seconded by Jim Baker to accept the donation of the lion's head water fountain by the Brenham's Evening Lions Club to be placed at one of Brenham's city parks.

Chair Bill Betts called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Board Member Jim Baker	Yes
Board Member Bill Betts	Yes
Board Member Delbert Boeker	Yes
Board Member Robert Haberman	Absent
Board Member Pam Hohlt	Yes
Board Member Paula Buls	Yes
Board Member Luis Mendoza	Absent
Board Member Darron Smith	Yes
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes

5. Discuss and Update Relating to Fireman's Park Restroom Facilities Improvements

Elizabeth Price from Upchurch Architecture presented this item. Price presented the plans for the Fireman's Park restroom facilities improvement. She explained that there will be three separate facilities: for men, for woman and for family. Each building will have HVAC equipment, automatic faucet and toilet flush and the lighting will have an automatic timer. Each facility will meet all ADA requirements. The WPA building will no longer be used as a restroom but will be redesigned for another use at a later date.

The Parks Board was in agreement with the plans presented. Public Works Director Dane Rau explained that the construction of the facilities will be going out for bid shortly.

6. Discuss and Update Regarding the Master Plan for Henderson Park

Community Services Director Wende Ragonis presented this item. Ragonis explained that Henderson Park is a number one priority under Park Development Goals in the 2015-2025 Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan. At the April 12, 2017 Special Parks Board meeting which was held at Henderson Park, feedback was gathered from this public meeting and this information needs to be prioritized for funding purposes.

Based on the feedback received at the public meeting, the Board discussed possibly making a recommendation to do the following tasks in the following priority:

- Install a larger BBQ pit
- Add benches with tables
- Install playground equipment – with lighting
- Install lights around the parking lots
- Incorporate the history of Pickard High School at the baseball field

Ragonis explained that there was discussion at the public meeting regarding the connectivity of Henderson Park with Fireman's Park. Ragonis said that she has met with TxDOT about this subject. This request is more involved and will need to be discussed further.

The items listed above will be presented to the Brenham Community Development Corporation at their budget meeting for their consideration of this project.

7. Discuss and Update on Requested Project Funding for FY2017-18

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that during this year's budget process, staff identified numerous projects which they would seek the Parks Board's direction on pursuing. Below are 14 items, listed in staff's priority, that are being requested along with the requested budget amount for each. Note: the next BCDC board meeting was scheduled for June 15th, 2017.

1	Trash Can Replacement- Final Phase	\$32,000
2	Hattie Mae Flowers Park and Henderson Park Basketball Court Goals	\$19,100
3	All Sports Building Parking Lot	\$45,000
4	Rankin Field Score Board	\$30,000
5	Henderson Park Improvements	\$500,000
6	Hattie Mae Flowers Entrance Signs	\$7,000
7	Hohlt Park Playground Equipment	\$68,000
8	Jackson Street Park Parking Lots	\$22,000
9	Hattie Mae Flowers Park Basketball Court Lights	\$15,000
10	Jackson Street Park Soccer Field Lighting Upgrades	\$342,000
11	Hohlt, Henderson, Fireman's and Jackson Street Park Bottle Filling Stations	\$20,000
12	Hohlt Park Nature Trail Improvements	\$40,000
13	Henderson Park Lightning Detectors	\$11,000
14	Jackson Street Park Lightning Detectors	\$11,000
	Total FY18	\$1,162,100

The Board and Staff agreed to recommend the following to the BCDC for approval for funding. All agreed that Henderson Park Improvements should be the priority for maintaining and improving Brenham's existing parks.

1	Trash Can Replacement – Final phase for replacement of the trash cans in all city parks	\$32,000
2	Basketball Court Goals – Final phase for replacement of the basketball court goals in all city parks	\$19,100
3	Repaving All Sports Building parking lot	\$45,000
4	Henderson Park Improvements to include: (1) Large BBQ pits; (2) Benches with tables – similar to the other parks; (3) Playground; (4) Improved lighting; and (5) change softball field back to baseball and possibly bring in historical information	\$294,900
	Total	\$391,000

Community Services Director Wende Ragonis presented the funding requests from the Blue Bell Aquatic Center (BBAC) facility for 2018. Ragonis explained that a request was made to Council for the City's General Fund to provide funds for a new Pool Pak System for the air and water control system in the Natatorium. Also requested were funds for a "Funbrella". The cost of this request is approximately \$764,500.

Ragonis stated that BBAC will be requesting the funds from BCDC for the following projects.

Description	Budget Estimate
Re-plaster Leisure Pool	\$80,000
Re-plaster Competition Pool	\$45,000
PA/Audio Visual	\$30,000
Tower Structure	\$25,000
Re-plaster Therapy Pool	\$20,000
Scoreboard*	\$15,000
	\$215,000

* The scoreboard at the BBAC will be partially funded by sponsors and BISD.

Ragonis stated that requests from Community Services included funding support for the Movies in the Park series and funding support for various programming options for the weekend of the 2017 Lighted Christmas Stroll and Parade.

Community Programs BCDC Requests	
Community Programs FY18	
Movies in the Park	\$ 4,000
Christmas Stroll Programming	\$ 10,000
Total FY18	\$ 14,000

8. Administrative Reports

- **Discuss and Update Regarding the Brenham Family Park**

Public Works Director Dane Rau explained that Jones & Carter will be designing a master plan for the Brenham Family Park. The design will include the entire 103 acres. Work would begin with Phase 1, which would include the detention pond and lake feature.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill Betts

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Chair

ATTEST:

Paula Shields

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Staff Liaison