



## MINUTES

### CITY OF BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

May 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, beginning at noon at Brenham City Hall – Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

#### Members Present:

Bill Betts, Ginger Bosse; Wendy Buth; Trisha Hartstack; Tina Henderson; Ann Jacobs; Courtney Mason; Harvey McIntyre, Dusty Robinson

#### Members Absent:

Delbert Boecker; Lee Chalmers

#### City of Brenham Staff Present:

Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Casey Redman, Tammy Jaster, Kyle Branham

#### Citizens/Others Present:

Vicki Bruce, Lisa Keesler

#### Media Present:

KTEX/KWHI –  
Brenham Banner Press – Sarah Forsythe

#### **1. Chairman Bill Betts called the meeting to order**

#### **2. Citizen/Visitor Comments**

Lisa & Vicki wanted to Thank Parks Department for hanging the flag at the Pickleball Courts

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

#### **3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the March 6, 2024, Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Board Member Ann Jacobs and seconded by Board Member Courtney Mason to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2024, regular meeting.

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

Board Member Bill Betts	Yes
Board Member Delbert Boeker	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Wendy Buth	Yes
Board Member Lee Chalmers	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Trisha Hartstack	Yes
Board Member Tina Henderson	Yes
Board Member Ann Jacobs	Yes
Board Member Courtney Mason	Yes
Board Member Harvey McIntyre	Yes
Board Member Dusty Robinson	Yes

#### **4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funding Requests from the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for Various Parks and Recreation Projects**

Dane Rau started the Discussing. Each year, the staff is able to present and recommend various projects to both Parks Board and BCDC for funding opportunity. These funds are derived from sales tax proceeds that are spent locally and are geared to enhance Parks and Recreation along with Aquatic amenities. We strive to have a mix of new amenities along with maintenance and upkeep of existing amenities which keeps our Parks System looking fresh and vibrant. We also take in account the Parks Master Plan and follow our goals and projects to the best of our ability.

Below you will see the requests that we bring to the Parks Board for consideration. We would like the Parks Board's approval to recommend the below projects funding through BCDC on the June meeting related to 2024-25 funding cycle. There are 13 projects valued at \$1.49 million dollars in this year's requests. Even though these are recommended it is still up to BCDC to comment and approve based on allocated resources in their budget for final funding. The next BCDC Meeting is set for June 27<sup>th</sup>.

These projects were evaluated by Parks and Recreation Staff and prioritized based on need and future value to our parks system. Due to priority, the budget and status of existing infrastructure these projects are of our utmost importance.

Tammy Jaster went over the Aquatics and Recreation requests and Casey Redmann went over the request for the Parks Department.

Our 3 largest requests will be Jackson St Park Phase 2 Improvements (\$500,000), Brenham Family Park Additional Funding (\$300,000), and a Replacement Slide for the Blue Bell Aquatic

Center Leisure Pool (\$350,000). All items will be shared in farther detail at the meeting on a slide show.

We respectfully ask the Parks Board for a recommendation to BCDC to consider funding these items so that we can move forward with enhancements to our park and recreation facilities.

Board Member Ginger Bosse asked about Phase I at Jackson Street Park. Dane Rau stated that phase I would include ADA, restrooms, lighting, and phase II could include some additional items. Essentials are priority to get things started at that park.

Dane Rau went over the 2024 – 2029 projects slated for each year. Dane also pointed out that when we push projects back, they get expensive and other years become more expensive. It is a lot of expense but there is a lot of maintenance, and some wants. But the staff looks to keep what we have in working condition. Board Member Dusty Robinson asked about pricing for fields and rentals vs. usage and if we need to look at increasing pricing. Dane stated that in January we did update pricing, but we are still on the lower end, but it was increased as of the new year. We can evaluate again before the new year again based on the usage and demand this year.

Board Member Ginger Bosse asked if and when we need to replace the playground at Greenwade Playground, that we consider making a turf field and making that a little t-ball field again. This could then be used for special needs programs, t-ball, kickball, etc. Dane stated that we did leave the dugout pads and awnings as well as home plate so that would be easy to do. And would bring back some history to the park.

Board Member Dusty Robinson asked if the Parks Board could see the bid pack for Jackson Street Park and Pricing when we get to that point. Board Member Ginger Bosse also suggested that we move the Automatic Back Door Handicap Parking to the top of the list for the Aquatic Center needs as there are several people that use that door, and this would be helpful for them.

### Aquatics

Description	Budget Request
New Slide Tower / Additional Slide for original area	\$350,000
Replaster Therapy Pool	\$20,000
Roof Access	\$75,000
BBAC Duct Work	\$26,000
Automatic Back Door Handicap Parking	\$15,000

### Parks

Description	Budget Request
Henderson Windscreen	\$12,000
Hohlt Material Bins	\$20,000
Jackson Street Park Improvements Phase 2	\$500,000

Hohlt Pump Station	\$118,000
Hohlt Expansion Joint Sealing	\$12,000
Schulte Field Renovations	\$15,000
Brenham Family Park Site Amenities	\$300,000
Linda Anderson (2) and Pfughaupt Turf Mounds and Home Plate	\$32,000
Movies in the Park	\$4,000

A motion was made by Board Member Harvey McIntyre and seconded by Board Member Ginger Bosse to approve current 2023-24 Funding Requests from the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for Various Parks and Recreation Projects

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

Board Member Bill Betts	Yes
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Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Wendy Buth	Yes
Board Member Lee Chalmers	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Trisha Hartstack	Yes
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## 5. Parks and Recreation Staff Updates

- Public Works Director Dane Rau tagged on to Casey & Tammy with updates to the Parks and Recreation Team.
- Aquatics & Recreation, Superintendent Tammy Jaster reported statistics for the Blue Bell Aquatic Center, staffing, maintenance, programs for recreation, and usage/participation. Locker-room project update. BBAC staff is working on hiring for Summer; lots of visitors continue. The Locker Room Project is nearing the end. The Sound System is also wrapping up in time for summer. On the Recreation side Pizza Bingo & Cards Club are going well with visitors from all around our community. Tammy thanked the Pickleball Club for offering the Intro to Pickleball. Pop-Up Play Days are scheduled with next one set July 13th. The Movies in the Park Series for the Summer is set with the first movie scheduled May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center. .
- Parks Superintendent Casey Redman reported on maintenance updates. LCRA Steps Forward Day assisting with Playground pillow. Added playground pillow to Hattie Mae swing set, tree removal, Disc Golf mowing; rocks added to creek to help with erosion, also with routine maintenance. Casey also updated on tournaments for the 2024 year and stated the Splashpad opened on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a crowd daily.

**6. Adjourn**

Chairman Bill Betts adjourned the meeting.

***Bill Betts***

Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

***Tammy Jaster***

Staff Liaison