



## MINUTES

### CITY OF BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

**September 11, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, beginning at noon at Brenham City Hall – Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas. Due to the number of visitors, we moved the meeting down to the City Council Chambers.

#### Members Present:

Bill Betts, , Dusty Robinson, Ginger Bosse, Lee Chalmers, Trisha Hartstack, Harvey McIntyre, Dusty Robinson, Tina Henderson, and Wendy Buth

#### Members Absent:

Delbert Boeker, Ann Jacobs, and Courtney Mason

#### City of Brenham Staff Present:

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

#### Citizens/Others Present:

Cyndee Smith; Ann Jurden; Vickie Bruce; Lisa Keesler; Ken Miller; Suzanne Callaway; Tom Yochim

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

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

No comments outside of the agenda items were discussed.

#### **WORK SESSION**

#### **3. Discussion and Review of 90% Plans Associated with Jackson Street Park Improvements (Burditt Consultants LLC)**

Public Works Director Dane Rau started this discussion. The City of Brenham Parks and Recreation staff has been working with Burditt Consultants LLC to make upgrades to Jackson Street Park. There has been a total of \$1.2 million dollars directed to upgrade amenities at this park which comes directly from the Brenham Community Development Corporation and 401B sales tax revenues. Of that \$1.2 million dollars about \$1 million can be directly related to new amenities or new construction.

We started with a Master Plan and have now worked through the major amenities and today, Burditt explained those as well as went over the estimated costs associated with the desired amenities.

The main focus in this first phase is to improve the park as it relates to ADA Standards, replacement of old play equipment, overhaul of the electrical throughout the park which will improve the field lighting, trail lighting, parking lot lighting and low-level lighting as well as a new restroom facility.

Burditt Consultants LLC gave a presentation to the board and those in attendance to walk through the new amenities and what can be addressed with the allocated funds.

There is hope that a Phase 2 could occur in the upcoming years to address some other amenities that are not included in Phase 1 such as additional pickleball courts, an open-air pavilion, and more connectivity in the middle of the park.

We encourage the board to ask questions as well as citizens attending the meeting. Our goal is to bid out this project in late October and start construction in late 2024 or early 2025.

Cindy asked about lighting and additional trees on the Rail Road Side of the track along with drainage issues around the bridge. Director Dane Rau asked about restrooms and two options to build offsite and bring and drop in place similar to the one at the splashpad. Board Member Lee Chalmers asked about doing a remodel for now to spruce it up but not spend that extra money on it. Board Member Trisha Hartstack asked if there was a need for additional toilets or if a remodel would be sufficient. Harvey McIntyre asked about the issue of cost and what was more effective. Lisa stated that she felt the community need currently was more pickleball courts as the current ones need some update and there are more and more people using the courts the youth in our community, Blinn College and Brenham High School students are using so she feels more courts would and should be in the first phase. It was also suggested that if possible, we put a backboard somewhere near the pickleball courts (maybe that is the restrooms) to use for single players... this could be a mural and an added feature to the park but would be used by several.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the September 11, 2024, Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Board Member Lee Chalmers and seconded by Board Member Dusty Robinson to approve the minutes from the July 10, 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	Yes
Board Member Trisha Hartstack	Yes
Board Member Tina Henderson	Yes
Board Member Ann Jacobs	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Courtney Mason	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Harvey McIntyre	Yes
Board Member Dusty Robinson	Yes

## 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 Rooms Completed, Single Restrooms nearing completion; Recreation & Aquatic Programs ongoing and going well. Kids gone fishin set for September 28; Splashpad closing end of September for the season. Carousel is closing at the end of October for the season.
- Parks Superintendent Casey Redman reported on maintenance updates. Tournaments, Numerous water leaks, drainage repair at Hohlt Park, boundary lines on volleyball courts at Fireman's and Hohlt Park, Field Light repairs, mole cricket reduction at all fields, painted all soccer fields and ongoing maintenance. Staff is keeping busy.

## 7. Adjourn

Chairman Bill Betts adjourned the meeting.

***Bill Betts***

Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

***Tammy Jaster***

Staff Liaison