



MINUTES

CITY OF BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

December 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, beginning at noon at City Hall, 200 W Vulcan, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Delbert Boeker, Ginger Bosse, Wendy Buth, Lee Chalmers, Trisha Hartstack, Ann Jacobs , Harvey McIntyre and Dusty Robinson

Members Absent:

Tina Henderson, Courtney Mason

City of Brenham Staff Present:

Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Casey Redman, Tammy Jaster, Kyle Branham, Megan Mainer, Kelsey Toy

Citizens/Others Present:

Michale Mikeska, Justin Thmi, Heather Kaldis, Logan Kaldis, JC Robinson, Keith Kietlinski

1. Vice Chair Ginger Bosse called the meeting to order

2. Citizen/Visitor Comments

No comments outside of the agenda items were discussed.

REGULAR SESSION

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Election of New Board Members for a Term of Three (3) Years

Director Dane Rau stated we would fill the vacancies for Bill Betts, Courtney Mason, and Wendy Buth.

Applications were received and a Subcommittee of City Council voted to bring on Andrew Culiver, Cody Neutzler, and JC Robinson.

No action from Parks Board needed, just wanted to inform the Board.

4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the August 13, 2025, Regular Meeting

Ginger Bosse asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from August 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Board Member Lee Chalmers and seconded by Board Member Delbert Boeker to approve the minutes as presented.

Chairman Ginger Bosse called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

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

5. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Board Member Ann Jacobs and seconded by Board Member Lee Chalmers to approve the presented meeting dates for 2026 with the correction of August 12, 2026.

Chairman Ginger Bosse called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

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

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Pickleball Court Reservation Agreement with the Brenham Pickle Ball Club for use of Courts at Jackson Street Park

Director of Public Works Dane Rau started the conversation. With the new courts now open for play and also a new request from the Brenham Pickleball Club, we would like to discuss a reservation agreement with the Board. In October of 2024 the City entered an exclusive reservation use agreement with the Pickleball Club for specific

days and times for use of the six (6) older courts. This agreement allowed them to use the courts for league play on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm-10:00 PM and on Sundays from 4:00 pm-8:00 PM. Like other leagues the pickleball group has grown to over 200 members and continues to gain members. This group also pays player fees to the City of Brenham based on each player paying \$10/player per year to the city. This is the exact same method that WCLL, WCYSL and BYFL use when reimbursing the city for use of facilities for leagues.

Since the new courts have been built and are in use a new agreement will need to be agreed upon. The new request (attached) is similar with exclusive usage being requested for all 10 courts on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM year around. As the email notes this would cover summer hours and regular seasons by having a more consistent 3 HR coverage.

We wanted to get the board's opinion on this. Staff understands the request, but we also want to make sure that at least a couple of courts are open and offered for non-league players especially since we now have 10 courts. Our proposal is to offer semi-exclusive use to the Pickleball Club with the hours requested but to have two (2) courts remain open for public use during league play hours. This would allow 8 courts for league play and 2 courts for public use. We also would like the club to honor allowing public to use courts if they end early as they have done in the past. We feel this is a good compromise and, in the past, we have had calls about the public wanting to play and courts were all taken by the club.

This is a great problem to have, and we feel this would be the best way to give everyone an opportunity to play. We have worked with the club on signage and will continue to do that.

Please see attached the email request as well as a draft agreement if you all agree to have a semi-exclusive agreement with the club for court use.

Your discussion would be greatly appreciated.

Board Member Trisha Hartstack agreed that 2 courts open during that peak time after work or school is a great idea to have a couple of public courts open during club time.

Director Dane Rau stated that talks have gone on with the Pickleball Board about opening unused courts if during club time no one is using them.

Board Member Dilbert Boeker suggested that having a couple of courts open to the public during club time is needed as there are a lot of users and it is key time for families.

Board Member Ginger Bosse suggested courts 6 & 3 closest to the road would remain open to the public. Signage will need to be made to alert the public which courts are open.

Director Dane Rau stated that towards the end of club night if courts are open, Pickleball Board will start to open up some of the courts if there is public waiting.

Pickleball Club President Justin stated that during club time they are working to have Club Officer onsite to make sure courts are open and public has access to play on public courts.

Pickleball Club Member Lisa stated the club is primarily 50+ years old. There are more young adults playing and wanting to play. The current club insurance is made for 21 and older. This is the first time the club has asked for 9 hours, in the past it has been 6 hours. With the number of club members, the courts are being filled and filled often. I would love to see Pickleball in the High School and more youth involved.

Patron Logan Kaldis addressed the Parks Board. I just want to start by saying there's great people out there, I'm not here to bash anybody, I just want to say a few things though. so, the last few months. They have been a lot better about sharing courts during league time. Many times 3 or 4 courts are actually being used at a time while other courts sat empty the league still told people they couldn't play even before we expanded the 10 course we only had 6 courts there were still situations where 2 to 3 courts sat open for the last 30 to 45 minutes of league play and we were still told we cannot use them until league is officially done. I've personally been told to get off of the courts 10 to 15 minutes before league time even when I'm playing with friends or league members. During League time or started mid game we were told to leave in some cases league has even threatened to call the police on me and my friends were simply playing on unused courts. I've also watched a father and son get turned away even though several courts were empty these are public courts paid by the taxpayers including those of us who aren't eligible for the League because of the age restriction. Another important problem is the timing the league takes over the courts from 6 to 9:00 PM which is the prime playing window because the heat starts to cool off, people will finally go outside for younger players including kids and teens who are still in school. This means they simply have no opportunity to play by the time the league ends at 9:00 it is too late for anyone who has school next morning so then you just lose all access to the courts.

Sometimes our friends drove to other cities just to have available courts we can play on. We would prefer to play in our own hometown. My request is simply not asking the city to reduce league nights, I'm asking for fair access, a reasonable solution would be reserving 6 – 8 courts leaving 2-4 courts open for public play. I'm not opposed to the 2 courts either, 2 courts is I think that's a reasonable request. This allows the lead to continue to operate smoothly while still making sure the courts remain a true public resource that everyone can use.

Board Member Ginger Bosse asked if the club had any response.

Pickleball Club Member Lisa stated. First Thank you to the board for these beautiful courts these were not supposed to happen right now. These were not part of phase one we know that I've sat in these meetings. I've watched the wheels turn Dans head as I sat here and gently pushed the pickleball courts. You haven't seen the courts

please go next week to the ribbon cutting. I'd like to counter what is being said here? I'd like to take a group of our 60 and 70 year olds and put some bats, balls and gloves in their hands and take them to our public parks to firemen's or Holt park. On any given night when the youth or using the baseball fields and see if these seniors could just walk on these fields and say put me in coach I'm ready to play. What would happen to that group of seniors? If they walked on and said? We're nice, we love kids, we are good active seniors, we play well with others. Isn't that good enough reason for us to play baseball with these youths out here.

And if they did it once, did it twice so maybe if they started coming earlier they could get on those fields sooner. If we flip the scenario? From the youth getting on the pickleball courts with the senior group. And move it to a senior group trying to move into an organization that is dedicated to youth. You see the problem that this is posing.

Board Member Trisha Hartack stated I think my question would be if there were empty fields we wouldn't have an issue? And that he was saying is there were empty courts that he wasn't allowed to play on. The Brenham community wants this for the community, the people. We just need common curtesy and to get along. Back to basic Sharing when something isn't being used we share.

A motion was made by Board Member Lee Chalmers and seconded by Board Member Trisha Hartstack to approve the usage of 8 courts leaving 2 open for public use during club time.

Chairman Ginger Bosse called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

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

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Amphitheater Rental Rules & Regulations

Public Works Director Dane Rau took this one stating we have had some complaints and negative interactions with rentals at the Amphitheatre. We have evaluated our rental policy for this facility and were able to work with the City Attorney to add some stronger language to the agreement that will help us when these occurrences occur.

We also want to get back to what the Amphitheatre was designed for and not have ongoing rentals that rent this facility week after week for a business or organization. We feel by adjusting the rental agreement and adding some stronger language along with describing what the intent of the amphitheater was designed for we will minimize the complaints and negative interactions when the facility is rented. We have also had noise complaints coming from the residents across Park St when these on-going rentals were occurring and since the amphitheater is exempt from the noise ordinance, we wanted to add the maximum decibel level that can be broadcasted when using a sound system, microphone or speaker setup. That maximum decibel level would be 85 decibels.

Attached you will find the document that the City Attorney and staff have been working on related to the rental agreement. If the park board approves the changes, then we will finalize this document and use it in 2026 and going forward.

A motion was made by Board Member Ann Jacobs and seconded by Board Member Dusty Robinson to accept the proposed changes.

Chairman Ginger Bosse called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

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Board Member Wendy Buth	Yes
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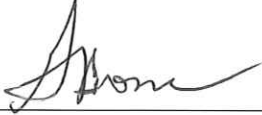
8. Staff Updates: Parks and Recreation Staff Updates

- Public Works Director Dane Rau updated on Jackson Street Park Renovations. Ribbon Cutting is set for Tuesday at 3pm we would love for Parks Board Members to be there if possible. Moeller Electric is wrapping up a few final things. For the most part the renovations are complete. Dane also discussed the Brenham Family Park bids came in. We had 5 really good bids, we are working on available funding and what we can fund with it. Hoping to award contract in January/February so work can begin.
- Aquatics & Recreation, Superintendent Tammy Jaster reported statistics for the Blue Bell Aquatic Center, staffing, maintenance, programs for recreation, and usage/participation. Updates to BCDC Projects. Updates on Recreation Programs: Carousel; Pop Up Play Days, Story Walk; Walk with a Doc.
- Parks Superintendent Casey Redman reported on ongoing routine maintenance, field painting, Football Field Painting, fountain repairs, tree

removals, New Reel Mower, drainage work; Tournament updates and a variety of other maintenance items.

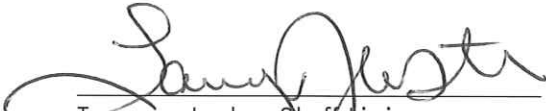
7. Adjourn

Chairman Ginger Bosse adjourned the meeting.



Ginger Bosse, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tammy Jaster, Staff Liaison