



MINUTES

CITY OF BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

June 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, beginning at noon at Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E Tom Green, Brenham, Texas. A moment of silence was taken for Chairman Bill Betts.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Tina Henderson, Wendy Buth, and Courtney Mason

City of Brenham Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Megan Mainer, Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Casey Redman, Tammy Jaster, Kyle Branham

Citizens/Others Present:

Sara Forsythe

1. Vice Chair Ginger Bosse called the meeting to order

2. Citizen/Visitor Comments

No comments outside of the agenda items were discussed.

Public Works Director Dane Rau introduced Assistant City Manager Megan Mainer. She joins us with 18 years in Parks & Recreation coming from the City of Angleton.

REGULAR SESSION

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Delbert Boeker and seconded by Board Member Ann Jacob to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024.

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

Board Member Bill Betts

Board Member Delbert Boeker

Absent

Yes

Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Wendy Buth	Absent
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

4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from February 12, 2025, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Dusty Robinson and seconded by Board Member Ann Jacob to approve the minutes from February 12, 2025.

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

Board Member Bill Betts	Absent
Board Member Delbert Boeker	Yes
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Wendy Buth	Absent
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. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding Requests from the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for Various Parks and Recreation Projects

Director Dane Rau took this item. Each year, the Parks and Recreation Staff presents and recommends projects to both the Parks Board and the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for input and potential funding respectively. These funds are derived from local sales tax proceeds and are used to enhance parks, recreation, and aquatic amenities throughout the community.

Our goal is to strike a balance between new, innovative additions and the ongoing maintenance and revitalization of existing infrastructure. We also align our project recommendations with the adopted Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Master Plan to the greatest extent possible.

For FY25-26, due to a reduction in overall sales tax revenues and the reallocation split with 401(B) Sales Tax, available funding has decreased from a typical \$1.2 million to approximately \$900,000.

FY25-26 Project Funding Options - We are presenting two funding scenarios for consideration:

Option 1 – Allocate \$500,000 to Brenham Family Park

This option prioritizes funding toward Brenham Family Park (BFP) to move the project toward construction by late 2025 or early 2026. With this option, the remaining \$400,000 is allocated across a limited number of high-priority parks and aquatics projects.

- **Brenham Family Park** – \$500,000
- **Parks Projects:**
 - Fink/Korthaurer Field Light Upgrades – \$275,000
 - Master Turf Infield Rehabilitation – \$35,000
- **Aquatics Projects:**
 - Leisure Pool Float Rehabilitation – \$40,000
 - Slide Tower Repairs – \$27,000
 - Parking Lot Light Replacement – \$29,000
- **Total: \$906,000**

This option continues the city's momentum toward the development of BFP, which is currently funded with \$1 million from BCDC and \$750,000 from a Texas Parks & Wildlife (TP&W) grant. Phase 1 construction is estimated at \$2.6 million, meaning we still need to secure approximately \$350,000 to meet minimum grant match requirements.

Option 2 – No Allocation to Brenham Family Park

This alternative redirects all available funds to existing parks and aquatic facilities, resulting in a broader reach of improvements across the system but delaying progress on BFP.

- **Parks Projects: 4 projects funded**
 - Fink/Korthaurer Field Light Upgrades – \$275,000
 - Master Turf Infield Rehabilitation – \$35,000
 - Fireman's Re-Level and Sod (Infield and Outfield) - \$295,000
 - Fireman's Park Playground Replacement- \$120,000
- **Aquatics Projects: 5 projects funded**
 - Leisure Pool Float Rehabilitation – \$40,000
 - Slide Tower Repairs – \$27,000
 - Parking Lot Light Replacement – \$29,000
 - BBAC Concession Stand Refurbishment- \$50,000
 - BBAC Banana Split Slide Refurbishment- \$20,000
- **No funding allocated to Brenham Family Park**

While this option allows us to address more immediate needs, it risks delaying or jeopardizing BFP's Phase 1 development timeline and grant requirements due to the current funding gap.

Recommendation

Given the funding challenges and the importance of initiating construction of Brenham Family Park to leverage existing grant dollars, staff recommends Option 1. While it limits the number of other projects we can pursue in FY25-26, it strategically invests in a major community asset with long-term impact.

It was motioned by Delbert Boeker move forward with Option 1 as a recommendation with a second by Harvey McIntyre.

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

Board Member Bill Betts	Absent
Board Member Delbert Boeker	Yes
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Wendy Buth	Absent
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. Staff Updates: 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. Updates on Projects: Slide Railing, Front Gate Building Posts; Chemical Feeders. Update on Recreation Programs: Carousel; Pop Up Play Days, Movies in the Park; Story Walk; Walk with a Doc.
- Parks Superintendent Casey Redman reported on Splashpad Repairs, Power Washing, Painting, Irrigation Repairs, Dugout Bench Repairs, Fireman's irrigation re-route to new controller; Jackson Street Park Improvements; Owsley shade sails repaired; Sink repairs and upgrades at Henderson; Tournament updates and a variety of other maintenance items.

7. Adjourn

Vice Chair Ginger Bosse adjourned the meeting.

Ginger Bosse

Ginger Bosse, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Tammy Jaster

Tammy Jaster, Staff Liaison