



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 beginning at 5:30p.m. at Jackson Street Park, 1300 S. Jackson Street, Brenham, Texas

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Luis Mendoza, Delbert Boeker, and Robert Haberman

City staff present:

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

Others present:

Lisa Keesler and Matthew Wehring representing Pickleball, Curtis Martin and members from Kenny Boye Scout Troop 74

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Citizen and Visitor Comments

Work Session

3. Presentation and Discussion Relating to the Review of the Action Plan in the City of Brenham Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan for 2015 – 2025

Community Services Director Wende Ragonis explained that in 2014, the Parks Board and Staff, with the support of the Brenham Community Development Corporation, created a ten-year Master Plan with the intent to review it every 12-18 months to ensure goals and objectives are met and to make any revisions as needed. Ragonis stated that the Board and Staff reviewed the Action Plan of the City of Brenham Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan (Master Plan) around this time last year at when we met at Blue Bell Aquatic Center.

Community Services Specialist Crystal Locke explained that the packet information contained three action areas from the Master Plan – Parks and Recreation Park Development, Parks and Recreation Facilities, Parks and Recreation Trails. Locke provided an overview of each of the action areas.

Curtis Martin, Kenny Troup 74 Eagle Scout Leader, inquired about bike and walking trail enhancement in Jackson Street Park. Dane Rau explained that this is on staff’s seven-year plan to expand some of the current trails in the City’s parks and revise the park’s ordinances to allow for bike on the trails. Biking and walking trails are included in the future Brenham Family Master Plan.

Regular Session

4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the February 28, 2018 Meeting

A motion was made by Darron Smith and seconded by Paula Buls to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2018 regular meeting.

Chairperson 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	Absent
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. Presentation and Discussion Relating to Blinn College’s Use of Hohlt Park for Soccer

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that the Blinn College Board recently approved Men’s and Women’s Soccer for 2018. As of this meeting, Blinn College does not have a soccer coach. Blinn College staff met with City Staff about using Hohlt Park as a permanent home for the Blinn Soccer Program. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be utilized for the use of Rankin Field and a practice field, either field #2 or field #4. Rau stated that details for the program under review, however, the main season is in the fall with approximately 18 games on the schedule with 8-9 games will be home games. Practice would most likely be between 1pm to 5pm weekdays. The schedule would be from August to November. Rau explained that there has not been a lot of recent activity on Rankin Field and this would be a good opportunity to use Rankin Field as well as the other fields.

Rau explained that the MOU still needs to be drafted; however, it will include reimbursement to the City for Blinn’s usage and maintenance costs for the fields.

The Parks Board approved the usage of Hohlt Park's fields for Blinn College Men's and Women's Soccer program.

6. Parks and Recreation Update

➤ Administration

- Parks Board will meet on May 30th for the Budget Review
- Parks Board will not meet on June 13 as originally scheduled

➤ Recreation

Crystal Locke, Community Services Specialist, provided the following highlights from the Community Programs and Marketing report:

- Walk with the Doc will be April 28, Dr. Andrew DeJong, ENT will be at this event
- Summer series Movies in the Park begins at the Aquatic Center on May 31
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes will begin on Saturday July 7
- The Asset Map in the Parks Master Plan is in the process of being updated
- Parks Metrix is being updated

➤ Blue Bell Aquatic Center

Tammy Jaster, Aquatic Supervisor, provided the following highlights from the BBAC report:

- BBAC is hiring summer lifeguard staff
- Local elementary schools participated in Water Safety Week
- Clean Sweep Week beginning April 23rd. Pool Pak installed as well as Therapy and Leisure Pools re-plastered.

➤ Maintenance

Casey Redman, Parks Superintendent, provided the following highlights from his Maintenance report:

- Volunteers for the LCRA completed the fence topper and restroom painting at Anderson Park
- Lion Head Fountain donated by the Evening Lions Club has been received and will be installed soon.
- Henderson Park Playground is complete

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill Betts
Chair

ATTEST:

Paula Shields
Staff Liaison