



## **BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**

**June 8, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, beginning at noon at Brenham City Hall – Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

### Members Present:

Jim Baker  
Bill Betts  
Delbert Boeker  
Paula Buls  
Lee Chalmers  
Andrea Fischer  
Tina Henderson  
Dusty Robinson

### Members Absent:

Ginger Bosse

### City of Brenham Staff Present:

Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Shawn Bolenbarr, Tammy Jaster, Ramsey Walner, and Crystal Locke

### Citizens/Others Present:

None

### Media Present:

Josh Blaschke, KWHI News

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Citizen/Visitor Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

## **WORK SESSION**

### **3. Discussion and Update of the City of Brenham Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Recreation**

Recreation Specialist Crystal Locke presented this item. Locke stated that staff wanted to update the Board on various Parks and Recreation projects underway, yet to be completed, or completed from the Comprehensive Plan 2040.

Locke covered the following goals and identified completed projects since the adoption of the plan in September 2019:

- A continued provision of high-quality park space and recreational programming to meet the needs of residents and visitors
- An emphasis on Brenham's natural, historical, recreational, and cultural assets in marketing and economic development efforts
- A renewed focus on pedestrian and bicyclist access and safety within the City, including connecting to park and recreational sites via trails, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities.

### **4. Discussion and Update to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Local Park Grant Program for the Brenham Family Park Phase I(a) and Recreational Trails Grant Program for the Nature Trail at Hohlt Park**

Recreation Specialist Crystal Locke presented this item. Locke stated that TPWD submitted the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) application for Brenham Family Park to the National Park Service (NPS) on December 17. Locke explained that TPWD notified staff on April 18 of two essential items regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) that needed to be addressed: (1) EA feedback from NPS and (2) USACE consultation and clearance. Locke said that City staff met with Quiddity, formerly Jones-Carter, Wild Associates, TPWD, and the NPS to address the EA comments and that the team would update the EA to reflect those changes and resubmit. Locke referenced the timeline and added that Quiddity had submitted the 80-90% civil plans for the Brenham Family Park for internal review by staff.

Locke reported that the City had received the Notice to Proceed (NTP) with construction for the Crossover Nature Trail at Hohlt Park. Locke said that staff coordinated with Alan King with Landscape Architecture to organize efforts moving forward. Director of Public Works Dane Rau added that King was finalizing the design based on feedback from TPWD, preparing the bid documents, and starting the bidding process.

**5. Discussion and Update on Parks and Recreation Projects Funded in FY21-22**

Director of Public Works Dane Rau presented this item. Rau updated the Board about various park and recreation projects and each project's status.

Blue Bell Aquatic Center (BBAC)

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Request</b>	<b>Status</b>
Replace/add shade structures	\$53,045	Received/Waiting for Install
Replace metal furniture (final phase)	\$50,000	Complete and In Use
Sealant on exterior brick	\$30,000	Complete
Modified Phase II(a) -Parking lot	\$250,000	Construction Begins 6/6/22
<b>Budget Request for FY22</b>	<b>\$383,045</b>	

Parks and Recreation

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Request</b>	<b>Status</b>
Brenham Family Park infrastructure	\$265,000	Coincide with grant
Replace scoreboard – Kenjura Field	\$46,350	Complete and in-use
Repaint iron bridges – Henderson (2) & Hohlt	\$92,700	Rejected Bids Re-Bidding Fall of 2022
Resurface two (2) baseball fields with MasterTurf – Fink and Kourthaurer	\$15,000	Complete
Phase II Carousel horses, gondolas, mechanical, and paint exterior – Fireman's Park	\$74,196	Complete and in-use
Resurface parking lot - Linda Anderson	\$82,400	Complete and in-use
Comprehensive park signage	\$27,600	85% Complete Finishing Installation
Bullpen upgrades - Hohlt Park	\$30,900	After 06/2022
Turf home plate – Schulte Field	\$14,450	Complete
Replace play equipment – Hattie Mae Flowers	\$72,100	PO Awarded 2/7/22 Waiting on Structure to Ship
Park improvement plan – Jackson Street Park	\$30,000	Working with Burditt Consulting LLC. (15% Complete)
Movies in the Park	\$4,000	Summer 2022
Christmas displays – Walk-Thru Parks	\$15,000	Re-Allocated to Park Improvements
<b>Budget Request for FY22</b>	<b>\$769,696</b>	

**REGULAR SESSION**

**6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from April 13, 2022, Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Board Member Jim Baker and seconded by Board Member Tina Henderson to approve the minutes from the April 13 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	Yes
<b>Board Member Ginger Bosse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Paula Buls	Yes
Board Member Lee Chalmers	Yes
Board Member Andrea Fischer	Yes
Board Member Tina Henderson	Yes
Board Member Dusty Robinson	Yes

**7. Parks and Recreation Staff Updates**

- Assistant Parks Superintendent Ramsey Walner reported on park maintenance updates and tournaments.
- Recreation Specialist Crystal Locke reported completed projects, work in progress, program recaps, and future programs and events.
- Aquatic Superintendent Tammy Jaster reported the Blue Bell Aquatic Center statistics, staffing, maintenance, programs, and usage.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Bill Betts*

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Bill Betts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

*Crystal Locke*

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Crystal Locke, Staff Liaison