



MINUTES

CITY OF BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

May 20, 2026

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, beginning at noon at Brenham City Hall – Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Ginger Bosse; Delbert Boeker; Lee Chalmers; Andrew Culiver; Ann Jacobs; Cody Neutzler; Dusty Robinson; JC Robinson

Members Absent:

Trisha Hartstack; Tina Henderson; and Harvey McIntyre

City of Brenham Staff Present:

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

Citizens/Others Present:

None present

Media Present:

None present

1. Chairman called the meeting to order

2. Citizen/Visitor Comments

No comments outside of the agenda items were discussed.

WORK SESSION

1. Discussion and Update on Brenham Family Park Construction Progress and Timeline

Dane Rau provided an update on our the Brenham Family Park Construction Progress and Timeline. As many of you know, the groundbreaking was held on May 12, 2026, to kick-off construction. MBC Management of Navasota is the general contractor and is working with Quiddity Engineers to construct the park as designed. The following timeline is what will be expected throughout the construction process....

Council Award

February 5, 2026

Pre-Construction Meeting

April 15, 2026

Notice to Proceed Given

May 4, 2026

Groundbreaking

May 12, 2026

Construction Period

May 4-Nov 4 (175 days)

Park Grand Opening

November/December 2026

During this time staff and Quiddity Engineers will be holding monthly progress meetings with MBC Management as it relates to construction of the park and addressing any items that come up. We are so excited to have this park under construction and ready for the opening to the public later this year.

Included is a rendering of the Brenham Family Park.



2. Discussion and Update on New Henderson Basketball Court Pavillion

Dane Rau provided an update on New Henderson Basketball Court Pavillion. We would like to share something with the Parks Board that is very special and will add to our

park's amenities. We have received a donation from the Betts Family in honor of Bill Betts to construct a cover over the basketball courts at Henderson Park. This has been on our list of projects for some time, but we have had other higher priorities, so it has gotten pushed back. We learned in January that the Betts Family would like to fund the project and make this a reality for our parks and the many users of Henderson Park.

We have entered into a design agreement with BBA Architects to design and bid the project. Attached you will see the draft concept of the basketball pavilion that we are moving forward with. This will be a great attribute that will provide the only covered basketball court in Brenham Parks, will add to our Henderson Park landscape and be built for long-term needs.

We anticipate the process to take 6-8 months and are hopeful that bids will come back positive. If all goes well we anticipate construction to start in the Fall/Winter of 2026.

We are so thankful for the donation to add an amenity to this magnitude in our parks system.



3. Discussion and Update on Brenham Family Park Inclusive Playscape

Dane Rau provided an update on Brenham Family Park Inclusive Playscape. We wanted to share with the Parks Board another partnership between the Betts Family and the City of Brenham. Knowing that Phase 1 of the Brenham Family Park didn't have an inclusive playscape area due to overall park costs, the Betts Family wanted to honor their dad William Harvey "Bill" Betts Jr by funding an inclusive play-for-all playscape that will add to the park. We are so grateful to work with the family along with M2L Associates to design a large play area for inclusive play. This means we will now have

a playscape area for kids with disabilities and kids of all ages in one area. This playscape will be much different than any other playground or play area that we currently have. It will include natural and artificial play areas using the topography of the land as well as many features that challenge kids of all ages and disabilities.

We are currently working on the design with M2L Associates and will be bringing back the final design once it is agreed on. I have included examples of different inclusive playscapes to give the board an idea of what we are shooting for.

This will be a huge addition, and we are so grateful for the partnership opportunity. our 2025–26 funded projects, specifically regarding project timelines and associated costs.

In the table below, you will see the progress we have made in moving these projects forward, along with the expenditure tied to each one. With your continued support, along with the partnership of BCDC, this funding allows us to stay proactive with maintenance throughout our Parks System and at the Aquatic Center.

We take great pride in maintaining our parks and facilities and are committed to keeping them in excellent condition for our community to enjoy.

REGULAR SESSION

4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from February 11, 2026, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Ann Jacobs and seconded by Board Member Lee Chalmers to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2026, regular meeting.

Chairperson 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 Andrew Culliver	Yes
Board Member Lee Chalmers	Yes
Board Member Trisha Hartstack	Absent
Board Member Tina Henderson	Absent
Board Member Ann Jacobs	Yes
Board Member Harvey McIntyre	Absent
Board Member Cody Neutzler	Yes
Board Member JC Robinson	Yes
Board Member Dusty Robinson	Yes

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Recommendation to Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for Parks and Recreation Projects for FY 26-27

Staff presented proposed projects and cost for Parks, Aquatics & Recreation. 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 FY26-27, 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 \$925,000.

FY26-27 Project Funding

These projects reflect staff recommended projects for our Parks & Aquatic Facilities.

TOTAL REQUEST \$917,650

PARKS

Description	Budget Request
LED Field Lighting – Fireman's & Soccer Field 7	\$230,000
Fireman's 2-5year Playground Replacement	\$65,000
Brenham Family Park Amenities	\$50,000
Add Masterturf to Fields Phase 2	\$45,000
All Sports Building Deck Replacement	\$30,000
Replace Hohlt Park Shade Canopy Covers	\$55,000
Resurface Basketball Courts	\$50,000
2–5-year-Old Playground at Jackson Street	\$65,000
Lightening Detector Upgrades	\$100,000
	\$690,000

AQUATICS

Description	Budget Request
Therapy Pool Deck Replacement	\$25,000
Refurbish Steel Beams in the Therapy Pool Area	\$50,000
Autofill for All Pools	\$20,000
Upgrade Concession Stand Cabinets/Layout	\$35,000

Cabanas for Leisure Pool	\$52,000
Replace Umbrellas for Leisure Pool	\$15,000
Gutter Replacement Southside	\$8,191
Soffit Replacement	\$22,501

\$227,650

TOTAL PROJECTED PROJECT COST:

\$917.650

A motion was made by Board Member Lee Chalmers and seconded by Board Member Ann Jacobs to approve the recommendation to Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for Park and Recreation Projects for FY 26-27.

8. 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. BBAC staff is working on hiring final staff for the Summer season; still lots of visitors. Private Parties (end of school and summer dates) are full. On the Recreation side Babysitters Training Courses were successful; Intro to Pickleball rained out but will be offering a make up class, Blinn Baseball Clinic was a great turn out; and Pop-Up Play Days were set. Recreation programs continue monthly with good attendance and partnerships with community groups (business and organizations).
- Parks Superintendent Casey Redman reported on maintenance updates. Splashpad upgrades complete, Firemans Dugout painting & powerwashing, door replacements at firemans and Linda Anderson Door replacements at Firemans and Linda Anderson; Pickleball windscreen installed; Owsley shade sails repaired; Replaced padding at L.A. bullpens; Successful Maifest; Pickleball court resurfacing; Hasskarl Tennis Courts and restrooms powerwashed; Playground pillow added to Owsley swings and Hohlt gravity rail; Routine mowing, weedeating, blowing, reel mowing; Almost every weekend is booked with tournaments.

7. Adjourn

Chairman Ginger Bosse adjourned the meeting.

Ginger Bosse

Ginger Bosse, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tammy Jaster

Tammy Jaster, Staff Liaison