

Parks Commission Meeting Minutes: 04/15/2021 - 9:00 AM – Town Hall, Palmer Lake

Member Attendance: Mike P, Reid W, Greg F, Ande F

Excused: Kirk N, Ande F

Others: Cindy G, Dawn C, Jason D, Tish T and public members Jess F, Jeff H

1. Call to Order at 9:02 AM
2. Roll Call – Greg, Mike, Reid, Ande F
3. Approve minutes from 04/01/21, MOTION (Mike, Greg) to approve minutes.
Motion passed.
4. Reid requested a spot be added to each Parks upcoming meetings for Jason D to report any updates. Public Works Supervisor, Jason D reported he received an estimate from Dan, Angry Squirrel tree service. Dan had assessed dead trees, limbs, branches needing pruning. Jason approved service in the Glen Park, on the worst trees needing urgent attention due to safety. He also reported that trees were tagged with orange ribbon/remove tree & pink ribbon/needs pruning. Bear proof can is being painted & donated to the town & will be placed at the pavilion in Centennial Park. Plans to secure it with concrete for safety & will take place with other concrete work.
5. Reid reviewed flyer for “Service in the Parks Day” by Tish T. Lindsey Leiker has volunteered to gather volunteer names & contact information. Information to be posted on electronic town sign & the usual posting sites. Discussion took place about adding chipping service. Mike P reported the chipper from Tri-Lakes is a better-quality cut. Mike mentions to reach out to the LDS church for volunteer help. Jason D: ordered a roll off & yes, the town can use it for Service Day May 22nd. Jeff Hulsman mentioned donating rocks south of the bridge to Parks. Jason will work with Reid to schedule. Dawn mentioned the “Great American Clean Up” on 4/24, flyers are posted. He was reminded to get parking permits for volunteers on 5/22.
6. Wildlife Conservation Project. Mike reported that Jacob, Eagle Scout Project went well & over 25 additional scouts plus adults were on site to help. Discussion of printing bigger signs to post & secure properly. Jess F, trustee & Greg F will work on ordering signs. Dawn stated the signs can be covered by the Conservation Trust Fund.
7. Reid gave update of fish stocking to lake by CDOW & provided copy of map to designate separated areas of activity. Discussion took place about fencing area as required by RR agreement. Staff will check into the requirements.
8. Rules of the lake were reviewed. Dawn clarified Ordinance NO. 11-2020 stating “Use LAKE AT OWN RISK” wording & the prior board intention. Jeff Hulsman said he agreed with the wording of the ordinance pertaining to at own risk. Discussion took place about protecting the fountain from damage. He said Alisha (keeper of the fountain) stated she will not put it back into the lake unless it can be safe from damage. Consideration of a solar fountain was mentioned.
9. Little League has been on the baseball field practicing. It was mentioned that they may have sponsors to help with the upkeep & possible repairs needed. Jeff has a Tri-Lakes estimate for repairs & will submit to town & Commission. The parking lot estimate is also included in that submission. Dawn asked if there was an agreement with the league & requested a copy for the record. Follow up on May agenda.
10. Greg F inquired about the overall bridge plans regarding additional work near the bridge. Jeff stated it will be a 3 to 1 slope, smooth out & be hydroseeded again.

11. Checklists for Winterfest, Service in the Parks Day, Slash & Chip Day & Community Garage Sale were reviewed. It was agreed that each POC should oversee list. Reid requested this be added to the next meeting's agenda.
12. The community garage sale was discussed. Fees & dates were reviewed. Jess volunteered to take all the garage sale sign-up forms, collect donation & put together the maps for the residents. MOTION (Reid, Ande) to charge \$10 entry fee. Motion passed. A list & a map would be available on the town website. MOTION (Mike & Greg) to host on same day as the fishing derby on June 5th from 8AM to 2PM. Motion passed. Jess will do the flyers.
13. Reid distributed a list of work projects at Glen Playground. Stated the slide will be removed. It will be placed on the ground & build up the ground creating a mound. On the back side of the mound a wood structure will be created for kids to climb up then slide down. Reid asked to add this to the next meeting's agenda. Reviewed Fall Safety Zone to bring the level up to CIRSA standards. Jason mentioned he will schedule in days to help move dirt to build up the mound for the slide project. Jason D, Mike P & Reid will meet on 4/22 at 10AM at Glen Park playground to discuss the plan.
14. Cindy reviewed July 4th plans. She has received an overwhelming amount of sponsors & interest in the Festival of the 4th (July 4, 2021) from 1PM to 8 PM. Security company is lined up, DOT considering blinking traffic lights as of 9:30 PM to help move traffic. Event may include bounce house, pie eating contest, face painting, beer/wine garden, disc golf, music, photography including drone & more to come. Reid requested a Needs List from Cindy.
15. Conducting a hands-on workshop was reviewed. Sunshine law was discussed & minimum of 24-hour notice to be posted to the public when a majority is meeting. Jason requested dates & times to be scheduled to help Parks with projects.
16. Parks discussed meeting times & agreed on 8:45 AM would be the best time for everyone. MOTION (Mike, Greg) to start meeting at 8:45 AM. Motion passed. Next meeting is on May 6th at 8:45 AM.
17. Public Comment. Jeff Hulsman stated that the bridge lights should be removed & replaced with simple white lights. Materials have been donated at no cost to the town. Awake the Lake events were mentioned – Aug 7th Triathlon, Aug 21st Taste of Palmer Lake, & early Oct 25K run. Money raised will go toward Christmas lights & decorations.
18. Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.