

City of Alpine
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
March 4, 2020
5:30 PM in Alpine City Council Chambers

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Determination of Quorum and Proof of Notice of Meeting

PAB members present were Kirsten Moody, Kurt Mannchen, and Darin Nance. City staff present were Erik Zimmer (City Manager) and Robert Llanez (Parks Management Foreman).

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Kurt Mannchen moved and Darin Nance seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. Announcements from Board Members

Kurt Mannchen attended a meeting with others concerning the Sul Ross property around Kokernot Park. The meeting was over the history, biodiversity, local parks system, and tourism of the aforementioned area. Sul Ross hopes to refurbish the old lodge and try to get the spring going again with city help by using effluent water. They discussed not destroying the birding area across from the creek (baseball area). They would like to add native trees and shading for patrons in the theater area. Kirsten Moody let the board know that the Nopalitos Park upgrades are moving forward. They are pricing out gravel pathways and Big Bend Leadership has started a GoFundMe page. There has been mixed community input concerning adding grills and picnic tables to the park. Big Bend Leadership would like to do a radio slot and press release to let the public know when they will have the 2 work days to complete the project.

5. Citizen Comments

None

6. Information and Discussion Items

a. Update from Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids, if any.

BBPaRKS held a movie night fundraiser this past weekend at the Kokernot Lodge. They raised close to 600 dollars with ~\$450 of that being profit. BBPaRKS would like to host a movie per month throughout the summer. They have an unlimited license for 12 months, which began March 1st, through the movie licensing company.

b. Discuss parks issues from the parks crew, if any.

The park's crew started taking out the horseshoe pit at American Legion park. They also ordered more dog refuse bags and installed 4 more dispensers. They

have not started installing the shade canopies at Baines Park as it's been too cold and wet. They finished installing the water line at Nopalitos Park. They've also been busy rebuilding three baseball fields to get them ready for little league. The board discussed issues with gophers and ground squirrels at Kokernot Park but there are no easy solutions. The park's crew also repaired a bench at Old Town Square and began working on another one. They are also making 4 more tables for the swimming pool area and will soon begin to paint the bathroom at the pool. Trimming branches at Kokernot Park had to be postponed as the ground has been too wet and they need to borrow the scissor lift at Sul Ross.

- c. Discuss comments or complaints about parks that board members have heard from citizens, if any.

None

- d. Discuss new ideas for parks service projects, if any

Discussed painting pylons at Kokernot Park and clearing grass and weed creepage at the sand volleyball court (also at Medina Park in the sand pit). Discussed goat head remediation at Nopalitos Park. Erik Zimmer mentioned sourcing lifeguards for the swimming pool. They need 16 individuals but having at least 12 allows them to use a 7 day rotation. The city reimburses individual's lifeguard certification after working a set amount of hours.

- e. Discuss possible changes to parks ordinances

Consumption, sale, etc is prohibited. Alcohol. Any city park not designed for golf. 74-3 - all city parks; don't use specific names all parks open dawn to dusk. Parks and recreation ADVISORY board. Member removed from board by consent of mayor after being absent 3 consecutive meetings or 4 meetings in 12 months. 74-3, no glass containers in fenced in pool

- f. Discuss possible ADA review of parks

Softball and baseball fields need ADA amendments. Robert Simpson from Fort Davis could review the parks, then tell the board what needs to be done. The ADA standards are from 2012 and are still used. Discussion that TML could have someone complete this or someone in-house with the city.

- g. Discuss possible parks improvements that make use of what we already have

The board wants to look at resources the parks have and where we could get more value from what's available; ex: doggy refuse bag areas, dog park coordinating with the Humane Society; removal of weeds at the dog park, planting trees in the fall. The dog park was built to be low maintenance. Discussion led to a possible service project for the high school welding department to build a 20' x 40' shade structure at the dog park. Robert Llanez will talk to Adam Llanez at the high school. The Centennial Park dugouts could also use some help and may need to be filled in completely. Also discussed the possibility of filling in the kiddie pool at Kokernot Park and putting seating over it.

7. Action Items

- a. None

8. Items and locations for coming meeting

- a. The April meeting will be at the Civic Center.