

## MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

November 6, 2025

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council meeting room, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Steven Fobert, Rick Rivera, Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson, Deborah Jones, and Nathanael Gold. Staff present was Parks and Recreation Director Jason Alfaro. Council Member Cynthia Sanders-Meyer was present.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments

### 3. MINUTE APPROVAL

- 3A. Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting from Thursday, October 2, 2025 Regular Meeting by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion was seconded by Margaret Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. REPORTS

#### 4A. Parks & Recreation Report

Report was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Alfaro.

#### 4B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Lost Pines State Park Complex Superintendent, Nathanael Gold.

#### 4C. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

### 5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

#### 5A. Receive and discuss an update on the Tree Carving

It was discussed that a pipe rail fence to match the rest of Fisherman's park would be installed, as well as up lighting. It was discussed that a QR code on a plaque could tell the story of the tree carving, collaboration with the historic society was recommended. No action taken.

- 5B. Consider and take action to recommend approval to the City Council of Article 5, Landscaping Requirements, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 landscaping provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code.

Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 5, Landscaping Requirements, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 landscaping provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code; forward recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z), with P&Z to forward a recommendation to City Council by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion was seconded by Member Rick Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

**5C. Consider and act on a recommendation to the City Council for Article 6, Tree Preservation and Mitigation, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 Code and Technical Manual tree preservation provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code to City Council.**

Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 6, Tree Preservation and Mitigation, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 Code and Technical Manual Tree Preservation Provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code to City Council by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion was seconded by Member Margaret Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.

**5D. Discussion on Designating part of Mayfest for Parkland for Veterans Memorial**

Discussion took place, no action taken.

**5E. Discussion on Canceling January Meeting**

Motion was made to cancel the January meeting due to the New Year federal holiday by Member Steven Fobert. Motion was seconded by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion passed unanimously

**5F. Discussion on Workshop in February**

Discussion took place that a workshop meeting would occur at the February meeting. Workshop would have a masterplan focus. No action taken.

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Member Margaret Robinson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Chair, Deborah Jones

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Secretary, Nathanael Gold