

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Chairman Mandy Larkin
Vice Chairman Kyle Knop
Member Nicholas Wohr
Member William Wann
Member Lisa Rowell
Member Gwen Grimsley-McIntosh
Member Dinah Stults

Also in Attendance:

Chris Gordon, Town Council Liaison
John M. Smith Jr., Town Administrator
Ashley Vinson, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags

Chairman Larkin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.

Invocation

Member Lisa Rowell led the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

Local mayors will participate in a pizza cookoff at Motor City Pizza at 5PM on August 23, 2023.

Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce needing volunteers for bike rally in October.

Trunk or Treat event scheduled for evening of October 31, 2023.

Volunteer and employee appreciation dinner September 20, 2023 at 6PM.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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Reports

1. Town Council Liaison Report

Thousand Hills Church held a baptism event and shoreline cleanup on July 30, 2023 at Sycamore Bend Park.

Consent Agenda

2. April 2023 Meeting Minutes

3. April 2023 Financials

4. May 2023 Financials

5. June 2023 Financials

6. July 2023 Financials

Motion made by Chairman Larkin to approve consent agenda items 2 - 6, Seconded by Member Wohr.

Voting Yea: Chairman Larkin, Vice Chairman Knop, Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Wann, Member Grimsley-McIntosh, Member Stults. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. Consider and act on the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Motion made by Member Rowell to appoint Mandy Larkin as Chairman and Kyle Knop as Vice-Chairman, Seconded by Member Wohr.

Voting Yea: Chairman Larkin, Vice Chairman Knop, Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Wann, Member Grimsley-McIntosh, Member Stults. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding Arbor Day event in the fall.

Arbor Day Event will be held at Sycamore Bend on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9AM - 12PM.

9. Discussion and update on Pratt Property Project.

John Smith, Town Administrator, gave an update on Pratt Project. The observatory agreement with UNT is almost complete. Working with electric company to get meter set with breaker panel.

Member Dinah Stults invited everyone to attend meeting at Town Hall on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 10AM regarding fall and early winter plans for Pratt Project.

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10. Consider and act on a recommendation to purchase gaga ball pits for Corp of Engineer Parks and Tanglewood Park.

Motion made by Chairman Larkin for the purchase of gaga ball pits for Tanglewood Park, Point Vista Park, and Sycamore Bend Park, Seconded by Member Wohr.

Voting Yea: Chairman Larkin, Vice Chairman Knop, Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Wann, Member Grimsley-McIntosh, Member Stults. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion on placement of kayak, paddle board, firewood vendor in the parks.

Discussion was held on placement of kayak, paddle board, and firewood vendors in the parks.

Josh Jackson with Paddle EZ gave an overview and presentation of his paddle board and kayak rental company and answered questions from the board.

12. Discussion regarding ongoing maintenance or repairs needed in the parks.

Sycamore Bend has some trash and debris along the edge of the beach area. Bathrooms are installed, but electricity is not hooked up. Gate arm is functioning, and spike strip will go in next week.

Arrowhead Leg 2 the cables need to be tightened up. People unable to pay at the gate cause issues forcing people behind them in line to back up.

Adjournment

Motion made by Chairman Larkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM, Seconded by Vice Chairman Knop.

Voting Yea: Chairman Larkin, Vice Chairman Knop, Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Wann, Member Grimsley-McIntosh, Member Stults. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

Approved:

Attest:

Mandy Larkin, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Board

Ashley Vinson, Administrative Assistant
Town of Hickory Creek