

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
REMOTE MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2021**

**MINUTES**

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, effective March 16, 2020, Texas Governor Abbott suspended certain Open Meeting rules to allow meetings of government bodies that are accessible to the public to decrease large groups of people from assembling. The suspension temporarily removes the requirement that government officials and members of the public be physically present at a meeting location.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Lisa Rowell, left at 7:20 p.m.

Member Calin Giuroiu, joined at 6:22 p.m.

Member Kyle Knop

Chairman Mandy Larkin

Member Dinah Stults

Member Gwen Grimsley-McIntosh, joined at 6:15 p.m.

The following member was absent:

Member Nicolas Wohr

Also in attendance:

Chris Gordon, Town Council Liaison

John Smith, Town Administrator

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant

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 Vice Chairman Rowell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

**Invocation**

Member Stults led the invocation.

**Items of Community Interest**

There were no items of community interest.

**Public Comment**

John Grosskopf, 131 Oakwood Lane, addressed the expansion of Sycamore Bend Road in regards to

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being in a flood zone area and urged the road be raised over the 100-year flood plain. Mr. Grosskopf also expressed concerns about two agenda items not included in the master parks plan: the playground equipment at Arrowhead Park and the compact fitness system.

Kerby Pierre, 210 Forestview Road, would like to address the expansion of Sycamore Bend Road. A culvert should be added to the design due to there being wetland on both sides of the road to prevent future corrosion. Mr. Pierre also expressed concern about adding shade to the playground equipment at Arrowhead Park. He told the board they are doing a great job and good work.

**Reports**

1. Town Council Liaison Report

Pratt Farm is an upcoming project that is an exciting opportunity for the board. Tree City USA Conference starts this week, so register if you would like to attend.

**Consent Agenda**

2. October 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. January 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. October 2020 Financials
5. November 2020 Financials
6. December 2020 Financials
7. January 2021 Financials

Motion made by Chairman Larkin to approve consent agenda items 2 - 7, Seconded by Member Stults.

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

**Regular Agenda**

8. Consider and act on a date for The Great American Cleanup.

Motion made by Chairman Larkin to approve March 1 - April 30 as the dates for The Great American Cleanup, Seconded by Member Knop.

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

9. Discussion regarding expansion of Sycamore Bend Road.

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Discussion was held regarding the expansion of Sycamore Bend Road. John Smith, Town Administrator, advised that the plans are available at Town Hall for anyone interested in reviewing them. Bidding is scheduled to begin in April and construction starting late 2021.

10. Discussion regarding potential launch sites for the Denton County Paddle Trail in Hickory Creek Parks.

Discussion was held regarding potential launch sites for the Denton County Paddle Trail in Hickory Creek Parks. This is a collaboration with the City of Denton, The Colony, Little Elm, Lewisville, Highland Village, and Hickory Creek all working together to connect 100 miles of blue trails.

11. Consider an act on a recommendation to replace the playground equipment at Arrowhead Park.

Motion made by Chairman Larkin to approve a recommendation to replace the playground equipment at Arrowhead Park in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, Seconded by Member Grimsley-McIntosh.

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

12. Consider an act on a recommendation to add a compact fitness system at Point Vista Park.

Motion made by Chairman Larkin to approve a recommendation to purchase a compact fitness system at Point Vista Park in an amount not to exceed \$38,000, Seconded by Member Grimsley-McIntosh.

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

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

Boat ramp and machine at Arrowhead both have been fixed. Consider adding additional parking signs at Arrowhead and uploading all trails onto the AllTrails App.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Chairman Larkin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Member Stults.

Voting Yea: Member Giuroiu, Member Knop, Chairman Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Mandy Larkin, Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Board

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Ashley Vinson, Administrative Assistant  
Town of Hickory Creek