

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL  
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

President Grosskopf called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Member Nicolas Wohr

Member Calin Giuroiu

Vice Chairman Kerby Pierre

Member Mandy Larkin, left at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman John Grosskopf

Member Dinah Stults

The following member was absent:

Member Nicole Wright

Also in attendance:

Chris Gordon, Town Council Liaison

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant

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

Chairman Grosskopf led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

**Invocation**

Member Larkin gave the invocation.

**Items of Community Interest**

Internationally there are more victims with the Corona Virus. There are cases in the United States but at this time there are no casualties. If casualties arise there will be some communities under lock down.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Reports**

1. Chairman's Report

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The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was approved at the Town Council meeting last night. The Town administrator would like to work closely with the Parks Board regarding implementing the plan. Chairman Grosskopf has also met with the Mayor to enhance communication with the Council.

2. Vice Chairman Report

Vice Chairman Pierre met with the town administrator and discussed upcoming Eagle Scout projects in the parks. The bathrooms have been power washed and the pavilion has been painted in Arrowhead Park and trail erosion in Sycamore Bend. The town administrator confirmed the equipment used for the movie in the parks does work. Vice Chairman Pierre will continue to meet with the town administrator regarding the parks.

3. Town Council Liaison Report

Welcome to new board members Nicolas and Dinah. The Town Council will meet with other Lake Cities Councils on March 3 to discuss flooding, broadband and other areas the communities can work together. At last night's Council Meeting, discussion was held regarding infrastructure, Sycamore Bend Road, stables at Steeplechase, new golf cart ordinance, and 2020 Census. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was adopted and now the implementation process begins. As a reminder all communication among other cities first needs to go through the town administrator.

**Consent Agenda**

4. January 2020 Meeting Minutes

5. January 2020 Financials

Motion made by Vice Chairman Pierre to approve consent agenda items 4-5, Seconded by Member Wohn.

Voting Yea: Member Wohn, Member Giuroiu, Vice Chairman Pierre, Member Larkin, Chairman Grosskopf, Member Stults. Motion approved unanimously.

**Regular Agenda**

6. Introduction of new board member.

Newly appointed board members, Nicolas Wohn and Dinah Stults, gave a brief introduction.

7. Consider and act on a recommendation to the Town Council regarding collaborations with the Lake Dallas Parks and Recreation Board.

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Board members would like to begin collaborations with the Lake Dallas Parks and Recreation board to include the Great American Cleanup on April 4 and the Lake Cities. Cleanup scheduled for April 18. The board would also like to reach out to the University of North Texas for volunteers from their Big Event.

8. Consider and act on a recommendation to the Town Council regarding safety in the parks including Wi-Fi safety, water safety and pedestrian safety.

Discussion was held regarding the safety of WiFi in the parks to include the additional cost incurred by the town and residents, allowing visitors the convenience to disconnect from devices and health effects to humans and wildlife. Discussion was also held regarding the location of cell towers and the possibility of future installation. Discussion regarding the water safety included the lifesaving station in Sycamore Bend and flotation devices available to park users. Discussion regarding pedestrian safety included the expansion of Sycamore Bend Road and the possibility of bike lanes in town.

9. Consider and act on Earth Day and Music/Movie in the Park Events.

Discussion was held regarding possible dates for music/movie in the park events.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Pierre to postpone the Earth Day Event to 2021, Seconded by Member Giuroiu.

Voting Yea: Member Wohn, Member Giuroiu, Vice Chairman Pierre, Chairman Grosskopf, Member Stults. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion regarding the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was presented at the Council Meeting last night. Included in the plan was a recommendation for a community garden with a potential location at public works. Dunaway presented a list of grants that are readily available.

11. Consider and act on a recommendation, but not limited to, projects or repairs in Arrowhead Park, Harbor Lane Park, Point Vista Park, Sycamore Bend Park, and Tanglewood Park either needed or ongoing.

The gravel road in Sycamore Bend and at Harbor Lane has been updated. Sycamore Bend is closed for repairs. The fire ring at Sycamore Bend campsite eleven appears to be falling in the lake. New tables have been placed throughout the parks. The basketball court at Tanglewood Park may need repairs.

12. Provide comments to Town Council Liaison.

Chairman Grosskopf will assemble some brief remarks for the Town Council Liaison.

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**Adjournment**

Motion made by Member Pierre to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Chairman Wohr.

Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Giuroiu, Vice Chairman Pierre, Chairman Grosskopf and Member Stults. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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John Grosskopf, Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Board

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Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Town of Hickory Creek