



City of Granite Shoals
 2221 N. Phillips Ranch Road
 Granite Shoals, TX 78654
 (830) 598-2424 fax (830) 598-6538
www.graniteshoals.org

**MINUTES FOR A MEETING
 OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE
 GRANITE SHOALS CITY HALL
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 AT 6:00 PM**

The Committee Members will discuss, consider and may take action on any item listed on the agenda.

1. Call to order – welcome and introduction of new member

Seth Smith, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Parks committee of the City of Granite Shoals at 6:00 PM at Granite Shoals City Hall, 2221 N. Phillips Ranch Road, Granite Shoals, Texas 78654.

Present:

Seth Smith, Chair
 Brad Williams, Vice-Chair
 Nelly Griffin
 Diana Marichalar
 Shirley King, City Council Advisor

Absent: Katie Long *Logan*

City Staff:

Ken Nickel, City Manager
 Peggy Smith, Assistant City Manager

2. Hear public comments and announcements

None.

3. Consider minutes of June 4, 2015 regular meeting

A motion was made by Brad Williams to accept the minutes, seconded by Nelly Griffin, with a unanimous vote to approve.

4. Staff reports and updates: Peggy Smith, Assistant City Manager

BBQ pits purchased end of year have been installed. Fencing, also purchased end of year, will be installed in February at the pond look-out points at Quarry Park. Also, the crews will be doing trail maintenance work in Quarry Park. Plans are to install the Merry-go-round this winter and the swing-set in Park 3. Crews removed a large tree in Park 3 that was compromising the retaining wall. Experiencing high illness rate currently in staff due to bronchitis.

5. Review, discuss and consider committee objectives per section 2-82 of City Code. City Manager Ken Nickel reviewed purpose and duties of committee as set forth in Ordinance 605-A.

The Parks Committee may conduct activities to achieve the following purposes, as resources permit:

- Provide and/or coordinate volunteer labor or other volunteer groups to assist in improving and maintaining city parks,

Comments: City staff routinely maintains the city parks.

- Provide and/or coordinate volunteers to assist in park clean-up activities.

Comments: City staff performs clean-up activities in parks including trash pick-up and cleaning of restrooms. On holidays, staff come in for extra hours to ensure the areas are clean.

- Assist and/or coordinate assistance to city staff for any activities or events that improve the condition of existing or future parks.

Comments: Committee members regularly contribute in activities such as painting of park playground equipment, installation of playground equipment, installation of pavilions, installation of sprinklers, watering and planting of trees, etc.

- Assist and coordinate with city staff, City Council and Grant Administrators any activities for obtaining and accomplishing grants for park or public use areas.

Comments: Committee members contributions include the updates to the Parks section of the Comprehensive Master Plan in 2014 and the inputs toward the proposed Outdoor Recreation Grant for the repurposing of the Quarry buildings.

- Develop plans and ordinance recommendations that will be presented to and coordinated with the City Council, the City Manager and the Planning and Zoning Commission to ensure compatibility with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Comments: Committee members accomplished this activity in 2014 with the update of the Parks Section of the Comprehensive Master Plan which satisfied the requirements of Texas Parks and Wildlife to allow the City to be eligible to apply for future grants.

- Solicit and obtain suggestions from citizens for projects or activities that would improve the parks or other public use areas.

Comments: Committee members receive inputs from neighbors and contacts within the community that are invaluable resources in planning for future needs.

- Prepare and present reports and recommendations to the City Council as needed.

Comments: Communication to Council on activities of committee.

6. Discuss and consider membership, vacancies, and committee officers.

Recent resignation of committee member Donna Maier was announced to members. Discussion concerning attendance to meetings of member Katie Logan was discussed. Motion to recommend removal of Katie Logan from committee due to nonattendance of meetings was made by Brad Williams, seconded by Seth Smith, with a unanimous vote to approve.

Members discussed the need to recruit more members to fill committee vacancies to ensure a quorum to conduct meetings.

Members discussed the need to fill the position of Secretary, since Wolf Williams had resigned the position due to conflict of schedule. However, Wolf will remain a member of the committee.

Members also discussed the position of Committee Chair. It was decided to table the question of Committee officers until the next meeting until all committee members could be present and members had time to consider the committee objectives and their available time commitments for the committee.

7. Review and discuss 2015 accomplishments.

List of accomplishments for Committee Activities was reviewed and amended as below:

Parks Committee Activities

October 2014 - September 2015

November 2014

- Veteran's Day Event
- Ordinance 656: 2014 Update Parks Section Comprehensive Master Plan, 11-18-14
- Completed Painting of Equipment in Parks 3 & 4

Granite Shoals Parks Committee
January 7, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

January 2015

- Opening of Roddick Youth Tennis Foundation Tennis Courts
- Resolution 474: Naming of Public Facilities
- Dedication of Crockett Park Pavilion to Jack King, long time Park Committee member

May 2015

- Opening of Leo Manzano Hike, Bike, and Run Trail in Quarry Park
- Resolution 483: Voluntary Launch Fees, 5-12-15

July 2015

- Resolution 488: Outdoor Recreation Grant, 7-14-15
- Native Wildflower & Butterfly Garden @ Quarry Park with aid of donation from Southwest Range & Wildlife Foundation of \$360

September 2015

- Survey of Boat Ramps at Water-front parks in preparation for Boating Access Grant
- Resolution: Boating Access Grant, 9-8-2015
- Purchase and install of 2 new BBQ pits

October 2015 - September 2016

November 2015

- Veterans Day Event, November 7th (Even in the Rain!!)

Items Remaining to Schedule: Replacement / Repair of Merry-Go- Round and Installation of Swing Set in Park 3

8. Plan and set goals and priorities for 2016.

City Manager Ken Nickel discussed the priorities for the committee for 2016 and the following goals and priorities were set:

- Granite Shoals 50th Year Bash, April 23-24, 2016
- Update Park Surveys, Late spring – summer
- Veteran's Day Event, November 5, 2016

9. Discuss and possibly schedule future workdays
None were scheduled

10. Discuss Future Agenda Items.

Future agenda items identified:

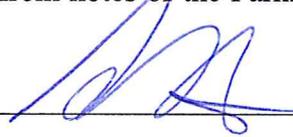
- 50th Year Bash
- Park Surveys
- Veteran's Day Event

11. Adjournment

There being no further business and no objections from the committee, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Seth Smith, Chairman of the Parks Committee for the City of Granite Shoals, Texas, certify that the attached are true and correct minutes taken from notes of the Parks Committee meeting of January 7, 2015.



Seth Smith, Chair