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MINUTES FOR A MEETING
OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

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

1. Call Meeting to order.
   Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Seth Smith

Members present:	Members absent:
Seth Smith, Chair	Brad Williams, Vice-chair
Celia Escamilla	Katie Logan, Secretary
Britany Dooley	Will Skinner
Wolf Williams	
Nelly Griffin	
Diana Marichalar	

Shirley King, Council Liaison

Peggy Smith, Assistant City Manager

2. Hear public comments and announcements

   Comments from Robin Deberard, 218 W. Greencastle on Lakeside Park and City Parks in general

   ACM Smith announced a name plaque for Jack King had been added to the pavilion at Crockett Park, previously dedicated to Mr. King, on Wednesday, August 31st and pictures were shown to members present.

3. Reviews, discuss and consider minutes of August 4, 2016 regular meeting.

   Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Seth Smith with second by Wolf Williams with unanimous approval.

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

   Outdoor Recreation Grant: New diagram of proposed facility was presented to members

Bluebriar Park: New electric loop and meter has been installed by PEC to complete the repairs needed as result of storm damage on Memorial Day. Plans are in place to now install electric service to the pavilion with labor supplied by staff.

Community Center:

- Repair was necessary to the air conditioning system on 8-27-16. After hour repair at cost of $340.
- Breakers were replaced 8-29-16 as these were also not working
- Continue to work to complete the rehab project on building with completion of work on ceiling and floors. Goal is to complete by end of October
- Conducting survey of rental fees and rules of other community centers and park facilities in effort to set new fees and procedures.

Hike & Bike Trail: Plans to spray trail in September with weed killer

Park Repairs / Upgrades Planned

- Install Park signs. Signs due 1st week of Sept.
- Complete painting at Veterans Park & Bluebriar Park
- Install gutters @ Veterans Park pavilion
- Evaluate boat ramp @ Hillcrest

5. Update reports on Monthly Review of City Parks by Committee Members
   Seth: Lakeside and Robin Hood: OK
   Britany: Crockett – Small slide will fall under warranty and is being processed. Suggested consideration of shades for playscapes
   Diana: Parks 4 & 5: No issues
   Nelly: Park 1: No issues; Park 2: large amount of pine needles accumulated in lower park due to rain water runoff – Britany offered to work on cleanup of this area.
   Celia: Park 9: OK, Park 3: see saw has only 1 seat, still missing swing set
   Wolf / Brad – some vandalism issues at Veterans Park; sign damage observed; list of items prepared and presented below:

   Park 6 Bluebriar: collection box missing sticker letters E, B, and X (looks like someone scratched them off), No Dumping sign and post needs replaced at large dumpster, ramp launch pad washed out badly on sides and needs fixed, Utility poles needs to be secure with iron rods to keep from being moved (which is happening), extra utility poles need to be removed from septic field.

   Park 8 Hillcrest: Pot holes need filled on Hillcrest drive, launch pad has deep pot holes needing fill, boat ramp closed 100% with T-posts and police tape.

Park 10 Veterans: Pavilion needs painting of roof to match post/braces, No Dumping sign needs replaced behind dumpster, toilet lid vandalized with word "POOP" in permanent blue marker.

Park 15 Clear Cove: replace brown boat launch sign, boat ramp sides and turn about need filled along with HUGE pot holes in parking area that are breeding mosquitos.

6. Review and discuss budget projections for FY 2016-17.

ACM Smith gave a brief update on budget progress. Budget workshop is scheduled for September 7, 2016. Funds proposed for Park Committee initiatives for FY 2016-17 are $6000, which is a decrease from this year's funds. A detail of the projects funded this year was presented to members. An update of the boat launch fees to date for this budget year was presented. Members discussed the revenues received from the boat launch fees and the community center rental fees and the potential future use of these funds. Mrs. King agreed to look into this item further.

7. Review and discuss plans for Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Plans for 2016 event were discussed. Last year's program agenda worked well for the event and it was agreed to again ask the Hill Country Honor Guard to participate. Seth Smith is to contact the Highland Lakes Elementary to coordinate with the music teacher and student participation. Menu is to remain the same and the event with be a committee workday.

8. Review, discuss and consider actions concerning Lakeview Park and other funding opportunities for parks.

Members are asked to consider and weight the value of land over how the park is being used concerning Lakeview Park. From the outside, Lakeside does not appear to be utilized. However, tonight members heard comments indicating many residents use Lakeview frequently and for various reasons.
Council members and the City Manager have expressed concerns about maintaining our parks and the number of grants and projects currently in progress for the City with the limited resources available.
Lakeview Park has been the focus of a previous TPWD Boating Access Grant by ACM Smith and is still a project under consideration, and has been discussed with other resources for development ideas for boating access.
Lakeview Park remains an opportunity for future development and discussion. The issue was tables to be brought back for further discussion.

9. Discuss and possibly schedule future workdays

Committee workday scheduled for November 5, 2016 for Veterans Day Celebration Event at Veterans Park from 9 am to approximately 1 pm. Decorations begin at 9 am at the park.

Future workday was discussed to install the replacement slides at Crockett Park once the second slide has been received.

10. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Lakeview Park

Veteran's Day Celebration Event

11. Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Wolf Williams, seconded by Celia Escamilla with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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 September 1, 2016.

Seth Smith, Chair