



**PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 2018**

The Hutto Parks Advisory Board met in a special called meeting May 9, 2018, in the Parks Office, 306 E. Live Oak St., Hutto, Texas 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Chairman Gaydos called the session to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the Parks Advisory Board that were present were Kelly Gaydos, Chair, Perry Savard, Vice Chair, Troy McMillin, Board Member, Rose McMillin, Board Member, Michael Orman, Board Member.

Members of staff that were present were, Larry Foos, Parks and Recreation Director, Cari Hodges, Management Assistant and Sydawnie Douglass, Recreation Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3A. Remarks from visitors

There were no remarks from visitors.

AGENDA ITEMS

4A. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the Parks Advisory Board regular scheduled meeting held on February 13, 2018.

***MOTION:** Chair, Kelly Gaydos moved to correct the spelling of Kelley to Kelly in the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes found in agenda items 4A, 4B and 4E. Motion seconded by board member Troy McMillin. Motion passed.*

4B. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the Parks Advisory Board special called meeting held on March 14, 2018.

***MOTION:** Board Member, Troy McMillin moved to pass the March 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Vice Chair, Perry Savard, seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

4C. Discussion on the survey results for naming Hutto Park at Brushy Creek.

Mr. Foos presented the top three public survey results regarding the naming of Hutto Park at Brushy Creek. After 422 votes, the results were:

- 1. Shiloh Park*
- 2. Shiloh Cliffs Park*
- 3. The Cliffs at Brushy Creek*

Mr. Foos stated these top three names would be given to the city council for an additional public vote before a decision was made. No further action taken.

4D. Parks and Recreation updates regarding current and future projects.

Mr. Foos gave an explanation of the future planned amphitheater for currently named Hutto Park at Brushy Creek and presented the concept drawings. Board Member Troy McMillin asked what materials were going to be used to build, Mr. Foos explained that we only had the drawings as of now. Vice Chair Perry Savard expressed concern that from the drawing, it looked as if the entry gate would be right in front of the stage and that concept did not make much sense to him. Vice Chair Perry Savard also expressed concern there would not be enough parking. Mr. Foos explained that there have been discussions on additional parking for major events.

Mr. Foos explained that we received a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant for multiple improvements to the Creekside fields and Fritz Park. Mr. Foos planned to have contact with 3 different design firms for a timeline on when the projects could be completed. Creekside improvements include: two backstops, fenced in fields with practice quality lighting, irrigation, grass outfields and a botanical garden with a decomposed granite trail. Fritz Park improvements include: an all abilities shaded playground and a splash pad.

Mr. Foos stated that we were still at a standstill on the "Gap Trail" project. The reason for the delay is we have not received clearance from the environmental review and the archeological study. Additionally, the original request was inadvertently left off the state wide transportation improvement plan. The revision was submitted to TXDOT and they advised it could be approved in late March or April. Therefore we do not have a grant agreement yet for this project.

Mr. Foos stated that the tennis courts included in last years budget were completed. Chair, Kelly Gaydos asked for updates on any acquisitions for new ball fields. Mr. Foos explained that that is still a potential and he would like to request land to create a complete sports complex.

Michael Ormon, Board Member, suggested we invest in artificial turf instead of real grass. Mr. Foos explained the pros and cons of have real verses artificial.

Troy McMillin, Board Member inquired about the naming of the football field, Mr. Foos explained that that is on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

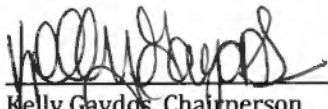
4E. Updates regarding the Parks and Recreation Department.

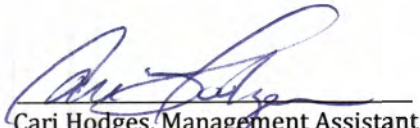
Mr. Foos explained that on Saturday, May 12, there would be a tennis event at the Fritz Park tennis court from 9am to 12pm. This event coincides with the Spring-a-Palooza going on downtown. Hutto youth football league is ready to come back to Fritz Park for their regular games but keep their Homecoming game at the high school. Men's Softball has returned to Fritz Park. Hutto Kids Camp is 66% full and the Track program had 15 currently enrolled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

I certify that the meeting minutes are official, on the 9th day of May, 2018 at 7:34 PM and will remain available through City of Hutto offices as reference to the business conducted during the meeting.


Kelly Gaydos, Chairperson
Parks Advisory Board


Cari Hodges, Management Assistant
Community Services