



**PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL**  
**OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE STREET**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024, AT 6:00 PM**

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## **AGENDA**

### **INVOCATION**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- [1.](#) Minutes of the April 24, 2024, Park Board Meeting
- [2.](#) Award Presentation for Employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department
- [3.](#) Sports Facilities and Recent Flood Events Presentation
- [4.](#) Park Board Reports
- [5.](#) Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses during the month of April 2024.
- [6.](#) Chair Report on: Memorial Day Celebration and Parks Master Plan Interviews
- [7.](#) Director Report on: Main Street Fest 2024 Recap Presentation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*This meeting location is wheelchair accessible. If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please call 972-237-8107 at least 24 hours in advance. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.*

### **MESSAGE OF RELIGIOUS WELCOME**

*As many of you are aware, we customarily begin our meetings with an invocation. This prayer is intended for the benefit of the board members and is directed to them and not the audience. Those who deliver the invocation may reference their own religious faith as you might refer to yours when offering a prayer. We wish to emphasize, however, that members of all religious faiths are welcome, not only in these meetings, but in our community as well. The participation of all our citizens in the process of self-government will help our fine city best serve the good people who live here. Employees and audience members are welcome to pray or not pray, and this choice will have no bearing on any vote made by the board.*

*Certification*

*In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Park Board agenda was prepared and posted May 17,2024.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ally B", written in a cursive style.

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*Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor*



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
COMMUNICATION**

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**MEETING DATE:** 5/22/2024

**REQUESTER:** Ally Brann

**PRESENTER:** Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

**TITLE:** Minutes of the April 24, 2024, Park Board Meeting

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024, AT 6:00 PM**

## MINUTES

### INVOCATION

### CALL TO ORDER

#### PRESENT

*Chair Mal Earl*

*Board Member Norris "Stretch" Rideaux*

*Board Member Euwye Chan*

*Board Member Greg Mullen*

*Board Member Susanna Ramirez*

*Board Member Warren Landrum*

*Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn*

*Board Member Mike Riley*

#### NOT PRESENT

*Board Member Tracy Aldridge*

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

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*No Citizen Comments*

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the March 27, 2024, Park Board Meeting

*Motion to approve the March 27, 2024, minutes made by Board Member Lucky-Vaughn,*

*Seconded by Board Member Chan. Voting Yea: Chair Mal Earl, Board Member Norris*

*"Stretch" Rideaux, Board Member Euwye Chan, Board Member Mike Riley, Board Member Greg Mullen, Board Member Susanna Ramirez, Board Member Warren Landrum.*

2. Award Presentation for Employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department

*Presented by Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director and Mal Earl, Park Board Chair.*

*April Exemplary Employee Award: Haley Heitman, The Epic. April Thinking Outside the Box*

*Award: Gabby Gonzales, Senior Financial Analyst. April Volunteer Award: Tommy Lawhorn,*

*Loyd Park Senior Volunteer.*

3. Sports Association Presentation

*Presented by Rod Hayes, Recreation Superintendent with guest speakers; Lisa Boyd: Grand Prairie Girls Softball Association (GPGSA). Gary Elliott: Grand Prairie Boys Baseball Incorporated (GPBBI). Jordan Walker & Ryan Garcia: Grand Prairie Youth Soccer. Ira Carter: Grand Prairie Youth Football Association (GPYFA)*

4. Horticulture Crew

*Presented by Chris Michalski, Assistant Director.*

5. Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses during the month of March 2024.

*Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.*

6. Chair Report on: Easter Eggstravaganza Recap.

*Presented by Mal Earl, Chair.*

7. Director Report on: Main Street Fest Update and Package Pick up, Memorial Day Celebration.

*Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*No further business, the Park board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mal Earl at 8:40 PM.*



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*Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor*



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**MEETING DATE:** 5/22/2024

**REQUESTER:** Ally Brann

**PRESENTER:** Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director and Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

**TITLE:** Award Presentation for employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

Employee Recognition Committee:

May Exemplary Employee Award: Kevin Harmon, *Parks Services*

May Volunteer Award: Robert and Debbie Ford, *Loyd Park Volunteers*

May Seasonal & Part Time Worker Award: Jenny Baum, *The Epic*

May Teamwork Award: David Gibson, Robin Palmer, and Leonor Velasquez, *The Epic*

May Partnership Award: Tyler Beightol, *General manager of Chicken Express Lake Ridge*



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**REQUESTER:** Ally Brann

**PRESENTER:** Chris Michalski, Assistant Director

**TITLE:** Sports Facilities and Recent Flood Events Presentation

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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## CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

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**MEETING DATE:** 5/22/2024

**REQUESTER:** Ally Brann

**PRESENTER:** Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

**TITLE:** Park Board Reports

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

Assignments of Park Board Members:

- Greg Mullen – Golf (Tangle Ridge & Prairie Lakes)
- Mal Earl – PlayGrand Adventures/Parks
- Angela Lucky-Vaughn – Cricket, Rugby, & Pickleball
- Warren Landrum – Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark
- Stretch Rideaux – The Epic/ The Summit
- Susanna Ramirez – Ruthe Jackson Center
- Euwe Chan – Alliance Skate Park/ Sports Associations
- Mike Riley – Recreation/Lake Parks
- Tracy Aldridge – Special Events





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**MEETING DATE:** 5/22/2024

**REQUESTER:** Ally Brann

**PRESENTER:** Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director

**TITLE:** Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses during the month of April 2024.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Tree Board  
**FROM:** Nathan Wilson, Operation Supervisor  
**RE:** April 2024 Tree-Related Activities  
**DATE:** 5-15-2024

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The following is a list of tree-related activities for Parks Maintenance, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses, Divisions reported for April 2024.

**Parks Maintenance:** (North, South, Municipal & Gateway Crews)

- 330 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance, tree removal, hauling brush.

**Lake Parks:** (Lynn Creek Park / Loyd Park)

- 0 Man hours – Pruning, maintenance, tree removal.

**Golf Courses:** (Prairie Lakes / Tangle Ridge)

- 460 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance.

**Totals for Tree-Related Activities:**

- 790 - Man hours



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**MEETING DATE:** 5/22/2024

**REQUESTER:** Ally Brann

**PRESENTER:** Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

**TITLE:** Chair Report on: Memorial Day Celebration and Parks Master Plan Interviews.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**



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**MEETING DATE:** 5/22/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Ally Brann  
**PRESENTER:** Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director  
**TITLE:** Director Report on: Main Street Fest 2024 Recap Presentation  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**