



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City of Grand Prairie Park Board Meeting convened at 6:30 PM on April 28, 2021.

Park Board Members Present

B.J. Nichols John Stewart Emita Garcia Jerry Partain Greg Mullen
Malcom Chakery Mal Earl Jerry Partain Bryan Partain VanDella Meniffee

City Staff Present

Duane Strawn Gary Yakesch Erin Hart
Chris Ginapp Steve Plumer Krista Marrs

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of March 24, 2021 Minutes, Presented by B.J. Nichols

Malcom Chakery made a motion for approval of the March 24, 2021 minutes and Greg Mullen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sports Association Presentations, Presented by Association Presidents

- Grand Prairie Youth Football Association - Presented
Grand Prairie Boys Baseball Inc. - Presented
Grand Prairie Girls Softball Association - Presented
Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation Soccer League - Presented

Tree Report, Presented by Duane Strawn

The following is a list of tree related activities for Parks Maintenance, Lake Parks, Golf Courses, and Cemetery Divisions reported for the month of March 2021.

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

- 1,595 Man hours - Spring Pruning, maintenance, removal, hauling brush, and storm clean up.

Lake Parks: (Lynn Creek Park / Loyd Park)

- 345 Man hours - Pruning, maintenance, removal, stump grinding, and storm clean up.

Golf Courses: (Prairie Lakes / Tangle Ridge)

- 300 Man hours - Pruning, maintenance and storm clean up.

Cemetery:

- 15 Man Hours - Pruning and maintenance.

Totals for Tree Related Activities: 2255 - Man hours

Horticulture Updates: Winter Storm 2021 Update: (Ongoing)

- We are still assessing trees & plant material throughout our parks system for any loss due to the extreme cold weather experienced.

Park Board Reports, Presented by Park Board Members

- Special Events - Malcom Chakery
 - Summer Movies on the lawn – more details at GrandFunGP.com
 - June 12th is Crawfish Boil and August 14th is Hatch Chile Fest
- Recreation - Mal Earl
 - Open play Basketball, Volleyball, Youth Programming and Rentals set to return on May 1st at 50% capacity
 - The Daddy Daughter Dance will return on June 18th at the Ruthe Jackson Center
 - Summer Camp to be hosted June 1st -August 13th.
 - Splash Factory Grand Re-Opening scheduled for May 28th at 1pm
- The Summit - John Stewart & Emita Garcia
 - In May starts the Phase 3 plan which includes Volleyball, Basketball, Massage Therapy, Personal Training, Swim lessons and Rentals.
 - Facilities projects in the works: 2 New HVAC roof top units, new marquee for Wings Theater, and Converting all analog tv's to Spectrum Digital.
- Uptown/Market Square - Bryan Parra & Jerry Partain
 - April 21st - New HVAC installed, Office painted, Deep clean of whole facility being completed, New window installed after 18-wheeler crash
 - June 6th -June 27th Matilda
 - Farmers Market officially reopened for the 2021 season on April 10th. Opening day saw an incredible turnout and lots of sold out vendors.
- Playgrounds - Mal Earl
 - Parks Maintenance got all park restrooms and water fountains back working following the winter storm.
 - Parks Maintenance also repaired and extended the post and cabling at Mi Familia park near both parking lots to mitigate vehicular traffic from entering the park.
 - Plans are set to repair to the walking trail at Friendship Park to eliminate a low area that holds water and a replacement of the playground at McFalls West near the pavilion
- Ruthe Jackson Center - Bryan Parra
 - Game plan includes responding to clients before competitors, obsessing over feedback and authentic positive branding
 - 6 High School Proms, 10 Corporate Events, and 70+ Weddings & Receptions
- Golf - Greg Mullen
 - Both courses have hosted several youth and school tournaments and there are larger corporate/charity outings booking for the summer and fall.
 - Aerating the greens coming up: Prairie Lakes on 5/3 and Tangle Ridge on 5/10
 - Matt Rippy our First Assistant Pro at Prairie Lakes became a PGA – Class A professional! Prairie Lakes staff now has 6 Class A professionals
- The Epic - John Stewart & Malcom Chakery
 - Standard membership pricing will resume Monday, May 24
 - The Warehouse HVAC installation project is almost complete
 - The following amenities and offerings will become available Beginning Monday, May 3:
 - Basketball court
 - Party packages available for booking and some room rentals
 - Limited personal training packages and sessions
- PlayGrand Adventures - Emita Garcia
 - 2nd full time position person has started and is there evenings Thursday through Monday
 - Consultant agreed a barrier for the stone seat walls (steps) is needed for added safety and has developed an option, to match the fence at the retaining wall in this same area

- Cricket/Rugby - B.J. Nichols
 - Cricket is currently playing their North Texas Cricket Association Spring League games at Prairie Park
 - Maverick Rugby is currently playing their Texas Rugby Union Spring League games at Prairie Park and practicing at Mike Lewis Park
- Lake Parks - VanDella Meniffee & Jerry Partain
 - Gate staff has been handing out trash bags to visitors to cut down litter in the park. Staff is working with GP Police on traffic line management from Lake Ridge Pkwy.
 - Canoes, Kayaks, and Paddleboard rentals will resume on Saturday May 1st
 - Camping Loop A has completed upgrades to 50amp service with sewer connections
- Memorial Gardens - VanDella Meniffee
 - Total Available Spaces: 2,373
 - Total Burials in March: 21
- Alliance Skate Park - B.J. Nichols
 - Our all girls "Gutsy Girls" skateboarding clinic has been a huge hit. Expanding our "Girls Only" programs this summer.
 - Wheelchair & Adaptive Skateboarding program returning summer 2021
 - Grand Prairie residents and Girls get to use the facility 100% FREE
- Pickleball - Greg Mullen
 - Charley Taylor Recreation Center still offers Pickleball and the schedule will be altered May 1st to make room for Basketball, Volleyball & Karate.
 - Pickleball is a fitness component of The Summit phase 1 re-opening and is averaging 100 members playing a week.
- Sports Association - VanDella Meniffee
 - Girls Softball hosted its 1st tournament and there were 16 teams registered.
 - Grand Prairie Boys Baseball hosted its 1st tournament and there were 10 teams registered.
 - Grand Prairie Youth Football Association are continuing registrations for their upcoming fall league.

Chairman Report, Presented by B.J. Nichols

- Mi Familia Community Meeting – May 12th at 6:30 pm | Ruthe Jackson Center
- May 1st Election – Don't forget to vote if you haven't already gone
- Photos - May Park Board Meeting please show up early and wear your Park Board Polo

Director Presentation, Presented by Duane Strawn

- EpicCentral - Presented
- Bolder Video - Presented

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.



Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor