



PARK BOARD MEETING
RICK HEROLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL OF FAME
CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE ST.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City of Grand Prairie Park Board Meeting convened at 6:30 PM on February 24, 2021.

Park Board Members Present

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

Park Board Members Absent

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 January 27, 2021 Minutes, Presented by B.J. Nichols

Greg Mullen made a motion for approval of the January 27, 2021 minutes and Bryan Parra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Award Presentation, Presented by Duane Strawn and B.J. Nichols

- a. October Partnership Award - Falkenburg Construction
Falkenburg Construction did an aquatics relocation project at The Summit. While it was a small project it made a big impact. They jumped through hoops to make everything work in the face of the pandemic and they have been an ideal partner.
- b. October Exemplary Employee of the Month - Jeremy Thomas, The Epic
Jeremy Thomas was not able to attend this meeting. He has been invited to the next meeting.
- c. November Exemplary Employee of the Month - Jason Williams, Lake Parks
Jason Williams is master of all trades. An individual like Jason is hard to come by and the department is lucky to have him. He’s constantly doing amazing work and always has a great attitude regardless of what is asked of him.
- d. November Teamwork - Dan Matthews & Jordyn Whitney, Special Events
Dan and Jordyn’s role have changed dramatically over the course of the last year. They have both been flexible in moving around different departments due to COVID, but that doesn’t stop their smiles. They are truly team players.

Report of the Tree Board 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 January 2021.

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

- 1,680 Man hours – Winter Pruning, maintenance, removal, hauling brush.

Lake Parks: (Lynn Creek Park / Loyd Park)

- 300 Man hours – Pruning, maintenance, removal, stump grinding, and storm clean up

Golf Courses: (Prairie Lakes / Tangle Ridge)

- 140 Man hours – Pruning, maintenance and storm clean up

Cemetery:

- 5 Man Hours – Pruning and maintenance

Totals for Tree Related Activities:

- 2125 - Man hours

Horticulture Updates:

- Grand Prairie Fire Station #1
 - On January 15th, 2021 we replace a tree that had died during the spring of 2020 in front of the Fire Station along Main St.
 - 1 - 3” Cedar Elm at the cost of \$770.00
- Park & Ride (located along I30, east of Beltline rd.)
 - On January 25th, 2021 we completed Phase 1 tree replacements.
 - 7 Cedar Elm Tree’s and 4 Natchez Crape Myrtles at a cost of \$4,980.00
- Mike Lewis Park Erosion Improvement (located along the Trinity River)
 - On January 26th, 2021 we completed Phase 1 Streambank Stabilization. This was funded by the Grand Prairie Utility Services Department at the cost of \$8,930.00. This planting spans 170’ along the Trinity River with 72 native trees and grasses.
 - 2 Texas Red Oak, 2 Blackjack Oak, 2 Cedar Elm, 2 Texas Red Bud, 20 Creeping Vitex, 9 Possum Holly, 35 White Honeysuckle.
- Tree City USA
 - Application has been approved by Tree City USA! We will receive the official certificate for our 37th year in the coming days.

Mi Familia Park Presentation, Presented by Steve Plumer

Steve Plumer presented to the Park Board more information about the department’s next step in the Master Plan for Mi Familia Park.

Park Board Chairman Presentation, Presented by B.J. Nichols

a. The Summit Opening

March 13, 2020 The Summit was closed due to the Pandemic and on March 1, 2021 they will be opening at 6:00 am with modifications.

b. PlayGrand Adventures Status

PlayGrand Adventures is also set to open on March 1, 2021. If/when cases spike again a decision will be made to close based on hospitalizations. Data from Trauma Service Area E will be used to finalize any decisions.

c. Early Voting Tuesday Feb 23rd

Reminder to vote in the Special Election district 2 this month if you live in this district. Early voting ended on Tuesday, Feb 23

Director Updates, Presented by Duane Strawn

a. Winter Storm 2021 –

During the week of the winter storm the Ruthe Jackson Center opened its doors as a warming center for the community

As far as damage, most of it was minor with a few exceptions. Analysis is being done to figure out what can be done and how quickly.

Staff was able to cover the Golf Course, but we won't know what that damage looks like for a while.

b. Staff appreciation

We are grateful for the staff who came out to help when and where they could. This storm was not something we could control, but our staff did amazing work and we are proud of their work and dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.



Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor