



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City of Grand Prairie Park Board Meeting convened at 6:30 PM on March 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 February 24, 2021 Minutes, Presented by B.J. Nichols

- John Stewart made a motion for approval of the February 24, 2021 minutes and Greg Mullen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- October Exemplary Employee of the Month - Jeremy Thomas, The Epic
- December Exemplary Employee of the Month - Gabby Gonzalez, The Epic
- December Teamwork Award - The Epic Aquatics Staff, The Epic

Bond Election Presentation, Presented by Greg Giessner

- 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 February 2021.

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

- 1,450 Man hours – Winter Pruning, maintenance, removal, hauling brush, and storm clean up.

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)

- 250 Man hours – Pruning, maintenance and storm clean up.

Cemetery:

- 10 Man Hours – Pruning and maintenance.

Totals for Tree Related Activities:

- 2010 - Man hours

Horticulture Updates:

- **Winter Storm 2021 Update:**

- We are still assessing trees throughout our parks system for any loss due to the extreme cold weather experienced.
 - The biggest impact was seen on our Palm Trees at the Summit and Uptown Theater.

Park Board Reports, Presented by Park Board Members

Special Events - Malcom Chakery

- Memorial Day: Monday, May 31st - Virtually hosted, available for streaming on YouTube with the recorded video on the department's website following the program.
- Tentative Crawfish Boil Date: Saturday, June 12 & Tentative Hatch Chile Fest Date: Saturday, August 14

Recreation - Mal Earl

- Spring Break Camp (3/8-3/12, 7am-6pm) Each facility had 5-10 children per day.
- Modified Summer Camp to be hosted in June 1st -August 13th.
- Splash Factory Renovations Complete & Scheduled to open May 2021.

The Summit - John Stewart & Emita Garcia

- Re-opened Monday 3/1 as a Fitness Center Only
- Nearly 1,200 members have returned out of 5,200 members (March 2020)
- Phase 2 Amenities to begin 4/1 (social distancing & 50% capacity): Billiards, Shuffleboard, Table Tennis, Gift Shop, Pottery, Crochet & Jewelry Making

Uptown/Market Square - Bryan Parra & Jerry Partain

- Farmers Market Opens Saturday, April 10th at 8:00 am
- The Uptown recently hosted a collaboration between GP Public Library, Irving Public Library and Dallas Slam Poetry in which poets livestreamed performances.

Playgrounds - Mal Earl

- Due to the storm there was some damage to most restrooms and concession stands.
- Spring Break has brought out increased crowds at our parks and it's been nice to see.

Ruthe Jackson Center - Bryan Parra

- Several Events were hosted in March and more are scheduled for April
- Bridal Show went well and was a success
- Many inquiries are coming in for Senior Proms and other large scale events

Golf - Greg Mullen

- Both courses were closed for 10 days due to the cold during this time greens were covered
- The pavilion at Prairie Lakes will be named for former mayor Debo.

The Epic - John Stewart & Malcom Chakery

- The Epic is planning to open KidsPlay/TinyTots Babysitting and Open Swim times on April 5.
- Temporary pricing will increase when additional amenities become available.

- The Epic is beginning the hiring phase for summer camp counselors in anticipation of offering a modified summer camp this year.

PlayGrand Adventures - Emita Garcia

- They're open now and they're back!
- Safety issue was identified, and railing will be added near the stones that were originally meant to be seats not steps

Cricket/Rugby - B.J. Nichols – No report

Lake Parks - VanDella Menifee & Jerry Partain

- Lynn Creek and Britton park opened on February 27th and the parks open through September
- Lake Parks is currently interviewing for two internship positions this summer.
- Camping Loop F has completed upgrades. Camping Loop A is scheduled to be completed soon. Camping Loop G is projected to be completed in May, before Memorial Day Weekend.

Memorial Gardens - VanDella Menifee - Statistics were provided by Malcom Chakery

Alliance Skate Park - B.J. Nichols

- New remodeled RC car track opened, and 80 racers were in attendance for the first club race.
- Newly renovated mountain bike jump park opened as well.

Pickleball - Greg Mullen

- Charley Taylor Recreation Center continues to average 150/week and The Summit phase is averaging 75 members playing a week.

Sports Association - VanDella Menifee – No report due to VanDella Menifee's absence.

Chairman Updates, Presented by B.J. Nichols

- District 2 Run Off Election - The Summit held early voting in the ballrooms. Saturday, March 27th is election day.
- The Big Event – April 24th, team sign ups are due on April 1

Director Presentation, Presented by Duane Strawn

- COVID-19 Governor's Order – Phasing in
- Mi Familia Master Plan Schedule – April next public meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.



Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor