



**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

The City of Grand Prairie Park Board Committee convened at 6:30 PM on December 2, 2020 via teleconference.

**PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| BJ Nichols   | Emita Garcia | Malcom Chakery    | Bryan Parra |
| John Stewart | Mal Earl     | VanDella Meniffee | Greg Mullen |

**PARK BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jerry Partain

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Duane Strawn  
Krista Marrs

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Item #1: APPROVAL OF October 28, 2020 MINUTES-B.J. Nichols**

Greg Mullen made a motion for approval of the October 28, 2020 minutes and VanDella Meniffee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Item #2: BUSINESS ITEMS: Developing Naming Committees**

- a. Parks, Arts & Recreation Administration Building  
B.J. Nichols, Park Board Chairman, requested all Park Board members serve on a naming committee to review the naming of Parks, Arts & Recreation Administration Building.  
Mr. Nichols named Jerry Partain as the honorary chairman and John Stewart was named acting chairman for this naming committee. B.J. Nichols, Emita Garcia, Mal Earl, Greg Mullen, Malcom Chakery, VanDella Meniffee, and Bryan Parra have all been nominated to serve on this naming committee. The committee will review the submission to name Parks, Arts & Recreation Administration Building. Their recommendation will be presented at a future Park Board Meeting.
  
- b. Prairie Lakes Tournament Pavilion  
B.J. Nichols, Park Board Chairman, nominated three board members to serve on a naming committee to review the naming of Prairie Lakes Tournament Pavilion.

Mr. Nichols named Greg Mullen as the chairman and Emita Garcia and Malcom Chakery were nominated to serve on this naming committee. The committee will review the submission to name Prairie Lakes Tournament Pavilion. Their recommendation will be presented at a future Park Board Meeting.

Staff has requested the committees bring their recommendations to next meeting.

**Item#3      PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATES, Presented by B.J. Nichols**

- a. EpicCentral – Deferred to Director Strawn
- b. Cricket – Major League Cricket has approached the city about the former Air Hogs field. City of Grand Prairie has made an agreement with the cricket franchise. This will be the first Cricket major league in the United States. Men's & Women's teams will play in Grand Prairie.

**Item #4      DIRECTOR UPDATES, Presented by Duane Strawn**

- a. COVID-19 Reopening: The Summit and PlayGrand Adventures
  - The Summit
    - Reopening date is now tentatively March 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Renovations have been done to prepare for opening
    - Moved equipment to be spread out – less social and more fitness
  - PlayGrand Adventures
    - Due to increasing cases in the area staff decided to close the park and will reevaluate by March 1<sup>st</sup>
- b. Prairie Lights –
  - The whole event will be a drive thru and there will not be a Holiday Village this year.
  - Jackie Harrison will be doing a drive thru concession
  - Staff has seen double attendance and an uptick in revenue
- c. Epic Central
  - There are some new holiday lights added around EpicCentral: Light archway around board walk by water, lights around trees, and decorations

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.



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Krista Marrs, Recording Secretary