



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 10th day of January, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the following Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Carolyn Gabriel, Jack Dean, David Smith and Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith, Michelle Alonzo, and Alternate Kris Ericson-Cano. Absent and excused were Vice-Chairwoman Bolton and Commissioner Kathy Hill. Also present was Staff member Melinda Moritz, and residents Linda Tarin and Robert Jarzombek.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the November 8, 2018 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the November 8, 2018 regular Park Commission meeting minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Ericson-Cano. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

4. Reports: Activities or Events that Impact Parks or Access to Parks:

A. Discussion and Action – Consider Changing Rental Rates on Park Pavilions (M. Moritz / Commissioners).

Staff member Moritz addressed the Commissioners, explaining that a complaint had been received regarding the rental rate and hours of the pavilions, with daylight savings time shortening the number of hours the pavilion would be available in the afternoon rental time block. She noted that persons renting from sunrise to 2 pm would have approximately six hours of use, while persons who rented the pavilions from 3:00 pm to sunset would only have three hours, but paid the same rate.

Commissioner Smith asked what cleaning schedule the Cleaning Crew had available. Ms. Moritz stated that the best time for the Crew was from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, as this was the end of their shift.

Chairman Christensen asked how many late rentals had been received, to which Ms. Moritz replied she did not know, but that she could get those figures for the Commissioners.

A general discussion was held and it was decided that the Commission needed to know how many rentals were affected by the time change. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dean to table the item to the next meeting and directed staff to present an accounting of the rentals to the February 14th meeting, so they could make a recommendation.

B. Discussion and Possible Action – Park Master Plan Recommendations – Create Sub-Committees (M. Moritz / Commissioners).

Commissioner Alonzo requested that this item be tabled to the next meeting to give her team more time. Commissioner Smith also requested more time. Chairman Christensen stated that tabling the item was fine, as long as the Commissioners would send their Park Master Plan revisions to the staff liaison as they created them.

Commissioner Ericson-Cano presented some of that team's proposed revisions to the Commissioners, which included updates to the Silo Park by incorporating the Silos, adding historical and environmental signage, and adding park signage along Canterfield Drive. She then addressed other areas including the Stirrup Lane Trail, by suggesting a dog park be added to that area; the pools, by suggesting that any changes be deferred to Commissioner Gabriel; and then all park zones, by suggesting the Commissioners implement a branding policy to feature Mountain Lions in public art, by the use of murals and statues. She noted that the City should use additional communication methods by putting up bulletin board type kiosks at each park that would have an aerial map of the park and brochures.

Commissioner Dean stated that the Commission needed to address the Triangle Park in the Master Plan.

5. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Gabriel stated that, in her opinion, the pool fees were too high last year.

Staff member Moritz explained the new Hike & Bike trail grant opportunity to the Commissioner and showed them the options being considered by the Hike & Bike Trail Committee. Commissioner Dean stated that Option 3 seemed to be the best option.

6. Adjourn

Commissioner Ericson-Cano made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Alonzo. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Minutes approved:


Chairman Roger Christensen

2-14-19
Date