

## **Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 14th day of April 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at Raymond Rimkus Park, 6440 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

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

Park Commission Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Carolyn Gabriel, Evan Bohl, Alternate Commissioner Drew Power, Diana Frazier, Elaine Valdez, and Kathy Hill. Absent were Commissioner Michelle Alonzo, Joyce Trent, Yvonne Orozco, and Alternate Commissioner Kerin Freideck.

Also present at the meeting was David Dimaline, Public Works Assistant Director.

# 2. Review and Consider Approval of the March 10, 2022, Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Drew Power made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. Citizens to be Heard.

There were no citizens requesting to be heard.

#### 4. Reports - Activities or Events that Impact Parks and/or Access to Parks:

## A. Discussion and Action – Designating Veteran's Memorial Park, Located Between 6427 and 6421 Evers Road, as a Legally Designated Park.

David Dimaline presented the Preliminary Plat designating the Veteran's Memorial Park. The total area of the Preliminary Plat is 34,865.76 Sq. Ft. The metes and bounds survey was completed by the City Engineer's survey crew, and prepared as Exhibit "B". If approved by the Park Commission, the Exhibit will be finalized and an item for Veteran's Memorial Park will be prepared for City Council consideration and approval.

Chairman Christensen explained that by designating the area as Veteran's Memorial Park, an added layer of protection will be provided.

Commissioner Power added that by designating this area as a Park, additional green space will be added to the City, however the space is not to be rented.

Commissioner Power made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat of Veteran's Memorial Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bohl and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Power wished everyone a safe and Happy Easter. He added that Raymond Rimkus Park looked excellent and appreciated the efforts of the Public Works staff.

Commissioner Frazier took the opportunity to introduce herself. She mentioned she uses the Steurenthaler Silo Park quite a bit with her grand kids and they really enjoy the Park. She also added that her husband utilizes the softball field at Rimkus Park.

Commissioner Valdez stated she enjoys visiting the Parks, and observing the large numbers of people and the variety of different activities in Rimkus Park. She also requested what the status was on the Pavona Linkwood Trail fence, and what type of fencing would be utilized? Chairman Christensen responded that the proposed type of fencing to be utilized is a split rail fence.

Commissioner Bohl requested an agenda item at the next Park Commission meeting, highlighting the Community Garden, as to how many current plots, wait list, and any future plans to expand the garden. Commissioner Bohl also requested an item be placed on a future agenda to provide an update and status of the Shadow Mist Park.

Commissioner Gabriel stated that she is concerned about the increase in property taxes and how it may impact the City's Bond Program. She also stated that she is concerned about Oak Wilt spreading into the area of Forest Oaks. She asked if City staff could provide more information to area residents. David Dimaline reported that staff has been working with the Texas Forest Service, and they have mapped the recent areas of Oak Wilt within the City. A public meeting regarding Oak Wilt will be scheduled within the next month, and we will let everyone know in advance of the meeting.

Chairman Christensen asked everyone to please take a look and notice how many people are utilizing Rimkus Park at the moment. In addition, he stated that the May Park Commission meeting will be held at the Ridge Park. At this meeting, he would like to take the opportunity to walk the Heatherington Trail and the Ridge Park.

### 7. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bohl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel. The vote carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

After adjournment, the Park Commissioners and staff took a tour of Raymond Rimkus Park.

Roger Christensen, Chairman

Date