

REGULAR SESSION

March 3, 2015

The Parks Board of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Athens Training Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to wit:

Chris Tinsley
Hugh Armstrong
Jay Eckert
Clyde Bowman, Sr.
Bob Morton
Andrea Copeland

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Matt Gholson

with the following member absent: Lillian Bell;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Bowman to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHENS PARKS

Member Tinsley reminded members the task of the Board is to present a master plan in phases to the City Council of what improvements are needed for all City parks. He explained the plan should consist of a Phase 1 which is doable now and a Phase 2 would be over the course of five (5) to ten (10) years.

After much discussion the Parks Board members outlined the following improvement plan for the City parks during Phase 1:

- 1) Cain Park Phase I - obtain a Mason to brick the fence surrounding the field, repair the field level and repair drainage issues.
- 2) Coleman Park Phase I - relocation of restrooms, joint concession stand and retro fit the current concession stand for an open area pavilion.

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Member Morton stated he has received several inquiries from Citizens who would like to see a dog park in Athens and suggested Central Park. The members agreed that the dog park should be considered in the presentation as a Phase I project.

The Board also discussed general maintenance at the parks with Member Armstrong stating the gate into Coleman Park needs repainting, the speed bump needs to be redone and painted and dirt filled in under the swing. He also stated he went to O.D. Baggett Park and noticed some cosmetic issues and the park needs cleaning up.

The consensus of the Board Members is to present their plans to the Mayor and City Council during a future City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Member Armstrong, seconded by Member Coleman to close the discussion of proposed improvements to Athens Parks. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN
RELATING TO THE CITY OF ATHENS

Matt Gholson, 153 Pecan Circle, Athens, Texas

- A) Presented a plan for renovation of the disc golf course at Cain Park;
which includes redesign of the court, painting and signage at an estimated
cost of less than \$10,000.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2015

Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary