



PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Hewitt City Hall-Workshop Room, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

MINUTES

Members: Jerry Snider, Casey Lowrey, Vernon Bailey, Ryan A. NeGron, Nathan Rusterholtz, Vacant Position, Vacant Position

Attendee Name	Absent	Present	Arrived
Jerry Snider	☐	☒	5:52 pm
Casey Lowrey	☐	☒	5:54 pm
Vernon Bailey	☒	☐	
Ryan NeGron	☒	☐	
Nathan Rusterholtz	☐	☒	5:56 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Call Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting to order. Mr. Lowrey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and Mr. Snider seconded the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider approval of minutes for the July 19th, 2023, Parks and Beautification regular meeting.

Mr. Snider made a motion to approve the minutes at 6:11 p.m. and Mr. Lowrey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Discussion of park updates.

Mr. Coleman discussed that the City Council approved the purchase of a new pavilion near the ponds at Warren Park. He explained that the city has gone into contract with Rice Construction and will begin the concrete work soon. Mr. Coleman discussed that one of the ponds at Warren Park did lose a significant amount of water during the drought, and we would need to make the pond deeper to aid in water retention. He explained that our crews were able to dig out the first pond during the summer when the water level was low due to the heat and move the remaining fish into the second deeper pond.

Mr. Coleman discussed the drainage project going through Hewitt Park, which is now complete. He explained the silt removal, widening of the creek, and installation of the six tin horns would assist in the proper flow of water. He explained that we have now installed four new solar streetlights to help park visitors see better in the parking lots.

He mentioned the installation of reflective tape at the entrances and exits to make them more visible at night or during large functions. Mr. Coleman also discussed the installation of a new walkway entrance near where the Christmas tree lighting is held. He discussed that there are plans to purchase more solar lights throughout the walking trail in the next budget. He explained that the lights do give off plenty of light at night and that there is a timer to adjust when the lights come on and turn off.

Mr. Coleman explained the installation of a new concrete slab that was poured in December for the Christmas Tree Lighting at Warren Park. He discussed that there is electricity in the middle of the slab to power the tree and built-in holes to attach guy wires to hold the tree in place. He explained that the slab would serve a dual purpose. Throughout the year, a picnic table will be placed on top to give park attendees an area to sit and during Christmas, the tree will be put there in its place.

Mr. Lowery asked about the status of the installation of soccer fields in Warren Park. Mr. Coleman explained that we are in the process of grading the area where the soccer field will be installed. He discussed how the excess dirt from the drainage project at Hewitt Park is being used to level out the area. Mr. Lowery asked how many soccer fields would be installed at Warren Park. Mr. Coleman mentioned that there are plans for a soccer field equivalent to the one that is in Hewitt Park.

Mr. Coleman discussed that there are plans to install a toddler playground at Warren Park near the current playground. Mr. Snider asked about the slurry seal that was done on the walking track at Warren Park. Mr. Coleman discussed that the city developed a land use agreement with Viking Construction, the company that the city uses for slurry seal projects. The agreement is that the City will allow Viking Construction to store their equipment on City property and Viking Construction would give the City a certain amount of slurry seal at no cost to the City. Mr. Coleman explained that the excess slurry seal that was given to the city would be used on the walking track. He explained that there are plans to slurry seal the entire walking track over time.

3. Discussion or possible action on meeting frequency.

The board discussed moving the meeting frequency to every third Wednesday of the month versus meeting the third Wednesday of every other month. Mr. Lowery made a motion to change the meeting frequency to every third Wednesday of the month. Mr. Snider seconded the motion. Those in favor: Mr. Lowery, Mr. Snider, and Mr. Rusterholtz. Those opposed: None. Motion was passed.

4. Discussion of future agenda items.

Mr. Coleman would like to discuss the appointment of board positions such as Chair and Vice-Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lowery made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and Mr. Snider seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Attest



Linda Fish, Administrative Assistant
General Services

