



PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Hewitt Community Services-Conference Room
103 N. Hewitt Dr, Hewitt, TX 76643

MINUTES

Members: Jerry Snider, Casey Lowrey, Vernon Bailey, Tyler Green, Nathan Rusterholtz, Ryan A. NeGron, Richard Driver

Attendee Name	Absent	Present	Arrived
Jerry Snider	☐	☒	5:50 p.m.
Casey Lowrey	☐	☒	6:00 p.m.
Vernon Bailey	☐	☒	5:55 p.m.
Ryan NeGron	☒	☐	
Nathan Rusterholtz	☐	☒	5:58 p.m.
Tyler Green	☐	☒	5:59 p.m.
Richard Driver	☐	☒	5:56 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lowrey motioned to call the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the July 17th, 2024 Parks & Beautification regular meeting.
Motion: Mr. Lowrey made a motion to approve the July 17, 2024, Parks & Beautification regular meeting.
Second: Mr. Rusterholtz seconded the motion.
Ayes: Jerry Snider, Vernon Bailey, Tyler Green, Richard Driver
Nays: None
Absent: Ryan NeGron
Motion Passed.
2. Discussion on park updates.

Mr. Coleman recapped that the first bridge in Hewitt Park was fully completed. He discussed the location of the two additional bridges that are currently in construction within the creek at Hewitt Park. He explained that the bridge is wide enough to drive over and is approximately 12 feet wide. Mr. Coleman mentioned that the tin horns used are 16 feet long. He mentioned that these additional bridges would open up access to the parks to the surrounding neighborhoods and allow for foot traffic of disc golfers.

Mr. Bailey asked about the large tin horns and the possibility of flooding, overflow water, and where the water is being channeled. Mr. Coleman ensured that installing the larger tin horns would eliminate any flooding potential and the water travels across Hewitt Drive and leads to Castleman Creek.

Mr. Coleman discussed the installation of newly updated Disc Golf signs throughout the disc golf course at Hewitt Park to replace the worn illegible signs. He added that they are made with UV-resistant labeling topped with plexiglass to aid in the lifespan of the newly added signs. He also mentioned that the poles the signs were on are currently being repainted as well to improve the appearance of the signs in the park.

Mr. Coleman discussed the addition of temporary no-through chain gates in the overflow parking lot at Warren Park. He mentioned that it was added to deter residents and parkgoers from driving on the grass past the overflow parking lot and towards driving to the ponds or pavilion.

Mr. Coleman explained the progress of the new toddler playground installation at Warren Park. He explained the concrete border that was poured for the perimeter and drain holes with a mesh screen to allow for water to flow out of the playground when it rains and so that it does not get clogged by debris. He mentioned that the park's crews are currently working on the dirt work and leveling around the playground and new pavilion. He also mentioned that after the park's crew has completed the dirt work, they will begin the installation of the playground equipment.

Mr. Coleman discussed another round of slurry seal that was poured around the Warren Park walking track. He mentioned that approximately one third of the track remains to be slurry sealed.

3. Discussion and update on Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreations and Beautification bylaw's.

Mr. Coleman discussed that the council approved the Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreation, and Beautification bylaws. He mentioned that they are now official. The parks committee acknowledged and understood.

4. Discussion on the kite festival.

Mr. Bailey asked the committee their thoughts on whether the kite festival should be presented as a fundraiser. Mr. Snider said that it sounded like it has the potential to become a great opportunity for a sponsored event. Mr. Green mentioned that if attendees were to purchase kites as part of the fundraiser, he would likely not attend and mentioned that it wouldn't be a great selling point to advertise as such. Mr. Lowery discussed the option of having the kites sponsored by a company to improve attendance and selling points. Mr. Lowery asked the committee to think about how many kites would need to be purchased. Mr. Snider suggested quoting a lower number. Mr. Lowery suggested approximately 500 as a starting point. Mr.

Bailey suggested that since this is the first time holding a kite festival, starting with 100 kites should be efficient. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Lowery asked Mr. Coleman for suggestions on reaching out to sponsors. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Snider discussed that the Chamber has a lot of resources and would be a great contact to help bring this idea to life. Mr. Coleman discussed that the Chamber has the resources to reach out to sponsors and has sponsorship levels highlighting different areas of an event. He also discussed that the Chamber would be able to publicize the event to gain interest from the public.

Mr. Lowery asked how they would contact the chamber. Mr. Coleman suggested that the committee should invite a chamber representative to one of the parks committee meetings to discuss the possibilities and what the committee wishes to do with the kite festival.

Mr. Coleman discussed future events that would be held in the city parks. He mentioned Hewitt Night Out to be held on Sept. 28th, 2024 from 6-9 pm, Chamber-sponsored Hewitt Dog Days to be held on Oct. 5th, 2024 from 10 am-1 pm, Chamber-sponsored Creekside Spooktacular to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 2024 from 6-8 pm, and the City of Hewitt Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held in Warren park with no current date or time set.

5. Discussion of future agenda items.

Mr. Lowery asked if there were any future agenda items the committee would like to add. The committee had nothing further to add.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Lowery made a motion to adjourn the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting at 6:25 pm.

Second: Mr. Rusterholtz seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Snider, Mr. Green, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Driver

Absent: Mr. NeGron

Motion Passed.

Date Approved: _____

Attest

Linda Fish, Administrative Assistant
General Services