



PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 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, Richard Driver

Attendee Name	Absent	Present	Arrived
Casey Lowrey	☐	☒	5:56 p.m.
Jerry Snider	☒	☐	
Vernon Bailey	☐	☒	5:54 p.m.
Nathan Rusterholtz	☐	☒	6:01 p.m.
Tyler Green	☐	☒	5:58 p.m.
Richard Driver	☐	☒	5:57 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Casey Lowrey motioned to call the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Nathan Rusterholtz seconded the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the September 18, 2024 Parks & Beautification regular meeting.
MOTION: Casey Lowrey made a motion to approve the September 18, 2024, Parks & Beautification regular meeting.
SECOND: Tyler Green seconded the motion.
AYES: Nathan Rusterholtz, Vernon Bailey, Richard Driver
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Jerry Snider
MOTION PASSED.
2. Discussion on park updates.
Mr. Coleman discussed the completion of the toddler's playground at Warren Park. He explained that there is room for additional playground equipment in the future. He explained

that a heavy liner was placed over a limestone base and rubber mulch was placed on top for protection for the children.

Mr. Coleman explained that Accent Electric will be running electricity to the new pavilion. He mentioned that they will be digging a trench to run the electricity using a 100 amp main breaker box specifically for the new pavilion. Accent Electric will all also be installing the lighting and additional breaker box in the pavilion starting on Monday, November 25th.

Mr. Rusterholtz asked if the lights will be on a timer. Mr. Coleman explained that the surrounding exterior will be on a timer and will approximately stay on for about 5 hours and will turn on at dusk.

Mr. Coleman mentioned that the City has begun purchasing supplies to run the water and sewer lines that will be done by city crews to assist with the cost of installation. He discussed that the Utilities department has already installed the water and sewer taps. Mr. Coleman explained that we will be using a six inch sewer main and utilizing a 18 ft natural fall from the distance of the new pavilion to help the flow of waste to the sewer taps and that there is a one inch water line that was installed as well.

Mr. Bailey asked about lighting around the new track and Mr. Coleman explained that it is in the plans to add additional solar lighting around the track. He explained that solar lights are more cost effective. Mr. Coleman mentioned that there are four newly installed solar lights that have been installed around the overflow parking lot to add extra lighting.

Mr. Green asked if there is irrigation on the far side of Warren park where the new pavilion is located. Mr. Coleman confirmed that there is irrigation that was installed to water the new trees that were planted so that they would survive the drought. However, the pressure isn't that great and during irrigation, some areas of the park is cut off to allow for better water pressure when watering the trees.

Mr. Rusterholtz asked if there will be connections installed for future growth when the electricity is ran to the new pavilion. Mr. Coleman confirmed that junctions boxes are in the plans to allow for growth in Warren Park.

3. Discussion on the kite festival.

Mr. Lowery mentioned that at the last meeting the committee had discussed inviting a representative from the library to attend the meeting to discuss the kite festival. Mr. Coleman mentioned that he did reach out to the library director about attending this meeting and that he was unavailable to attend. Mr. Rusterholtz asked if it was a possibility to attend one of the library's board meeting. Mr. Coleman discussed that he will ask the library director if that is a possibility, but does not see why that would be an issue since members of the public are able to attend. Mr. Rusterholtz inquired if the board is able to call a meeting at any time during the month vs. every third Wednesday to possibly aid in planning purposes. Mr. Coleman responded with that according to the bylaws, the board is able to call a meeting but must give ample time to send out a meeting notice. Mr. Bailey asked the board if anyone has reached out to the Chamber. Mr. Rusterholtz mentioned that there has been discussion of collaborating with the chamber and inviting a representative to a meeting but that no one has officially reached out to them. Mr. Bailey mentioned reaching out the Boy Scouts to see if they could volunteer for the kite festival.

4. Discussion of future agenda items.

Mr. Bailey would like to discuss a community fishing day and a movie night at the amphitheater.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Casey Lower made a motion to adjourn the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting at 6:39 p.m.

SECOND: Vernon Bailey seconded the motion.

AYES: Mr. Negron, Mr. Green, and Mr. Driver

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mr. Snider

MOTION PASSED.

Date Approved: _____

Attest

Linda Fish, Administrative Assistant
General Services