

HEWITT TEXAS

PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Hewitt Community Services-Conference Room
103 N. Hewitt Dr, Hewitt, TX 76643

MINUTES

Members: Casey Lowrey, Vernon Bailey, Tyler Green, Nathan Rusterholtz, Richard Driver

Member	Absent	Present	Arrived
Vernon Bailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Richard Driver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5:57 pm
Tyler Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5:58 pm
Casey Lowrey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5:57 pm
Nathan Rusterholtz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:03 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lowrey motioned to call the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and Mr. Driver seconded the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the July 16th, 2025 Parks and Beautification meeting.
Motion: Mr. Lowrey made a motion to approve the July 16, 2025 Parks and Beautification regular minutes at 6:04 pm.
Second: Mr. Rusterholtz seconded the motion.
Ayes: Mr. Driver and Mr. Green
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Bailey
2. Discussion of park updates.
Mr. Coleman discussed adding more lighting in the women's and men's bathrooms in the new pavilion at Warren Park. He mentioned that they are placed above the faucet areas and are on sensors located near the door so that they automatically turn on when someone enters the area. He also mentioned that automatic door locks have been installed in both bathrooms that are identical to door locks installed at Hewitt Pavilion and Warren Pavilion. He described that they are on a timer and will lock at a certain time and will unlock from the inside so that no one is locked inside the bathrooms. Mr. Green asked if they were wired into electricity. Mr. Coleman confirmed that they are wired in but does have a battery back up.

Mr. Coleman described the installation of the tool organizer and shelves that were placed in the storage area of the new pavilion at Warren Park to help the park crew stay organized. He also explained that a bench was placed inside the toddler's playground area for parents to be able to sit and watch their children. He explained that it was secured in place by chains and a locked to the fence so that it would not be removed.

Mr. Coleman discussed stocking the ponds at Warren Park with more fish on Friday, September 19th. He mentioned that 800 native blue gill, 200 red ear sunfish, 200 channel catfish, 200 large mouth bass, and 20 lbs of black fathead minnows were split into both ponds equally.

3. Discussion on fishing day.

Mr. Lowrey asked about the timing of scheduling a fishing day. Mr. Coleman suggested the fall time frame and around a time when we were able to stock the pond with sizable and catch-ready fish. Mr. Lowrey inquired about September or October. Mr. Rusterholtz recommended holding the fishing day in October. Mr. Lowrey asked Mr. Coleman if he had heard back from the TP&W representative since the last time he came in. Mr. Coleman mentioned that he had attempted to call and email him to no avail. Mr. Coleman said that he would continue to reach out to him and let him know that the board is interested in collaborating with TP&W on scheduling a community fishing day.

4. Discussion on public parks survey.

Mrs. Fish showed a sample flyer to advertise the public park survey. She further described the Google form that was created with the suggestions from the park's board. Mr. Rusterholtz suggested changing the format to allow questions directly pertaining to Hewitt Park, Warren Park, or both. He said that there is a way to branch the questions once they answer which park they frequent the most. Mr. Coleman suggested adding a link to reserve the park to the question pertaining to park reservations.

Mr. Green suggested changing the "required" status to the questions so that if the questions do not pertain to the person, then they can proceed to the next question. Mrs. Fish acknowledged and noted that she could make the requested changes. Mr. Rusterholtz asked if making changes to the survey is delaying the process of having it posted. Mr. Coleman answered that we could add discussion and possible action to the next agenda to not further delay posting the survey. The board agreed to add it to future agenda items.

5. Discussion on a walking trail in Glaze Park.

Mr. Coleman discussed the five channels that all feed into the main channel that goes through the middle of the Glaze property. He also showed the board on the map that there is also a drive approach on the property as well. He mentioned that an issue they could run into by installing a walking track that goes around the perimeter of Glaze Park is navigating around the drainage. Mr. Rusterholtz asked if they would have to build bridges over the channels. Mr. Coleman said they would need to install culverts to re-direct the water in such a way that it doesn't impede the flow of water. Mr. Lowrey asked what the possibility of running something underground. Mr. Coleman mentioned that it is possible, however, there would be costs associated with a project of that size.

Mr. Lowrey asked about adding a disc golf course to the property. Mr. Coleman mentioned that it would be a challenge due to the proximity of the neighboring houses. He mentioned that

we have had some issues with the disc golf course in Hewitt Park because of how close the course is to backyards.

Mr. Rusterholtz suggested adding a cross-walk that goes across Old Temple Rd to connect Glaze Property to Warren Park. Mr. Lowrey inquired about installing a bridge that goes up and over Old Temple Rd. Mr. Rusterholtz explained the crosswalk he is referring to painting the road to make it a cost-effective cross-walk. Mr. Rusterholtz mentioned adding a walking path around the park could help future projects and the burden on the city of maintaining the property. Mr. Coleman discussed installing several entry points with the possibility of Waverly and the Wind Hill neighborhoods. He mentioned that it would be difficult to have an access point from Radisson based on the property lines of the houses in that neighborhood.

Mr. Lowrey asked what type of material would be best suited for the walking track. Mr. Coleman mentioned that the city used re-claimed asphalt on the adventure trail in Warren Park, but suggested using concrete in areas that would come in contact with water, such as around the culverts. Mr. Rusterholtz mentioned that it would be ideal to use re-claimed asphalt as a starting point and at some point down the road to build upon. Mr. Coleman agreed that it would be a great starting point. Mr. Lowrey asked about what would be the next step. Mr. Coleman suggested coming up with a layout would be the first step. Mr. Rusterholtz asked if the city had ever collaborated with The Master Gardners on a project. Mr. Coleman said that he is not aware of any collaborations.

Mr. Lowrey asked if there had been any plans for building a parking lot near the driveway approach. Mr. Coleman mentioned that there have been no plans yet, and there could be a possibility down the road.

6. Discussion on future agenda items.
Mr. Coleman mentioned reviewed the topics previously discussed, such as keeping the fishing day on the agenda and adding discussion and possible action on the meeting date and time, as well as discussion and possible action on the park survey.

The board would like to keep the discussion on the walking track at Glaze Park on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Lowrey made a motion to adjourn the Parks and Beautification Committee meeting at 6:50 pm

Second: Mr. Rusterholtz seconded the motion.

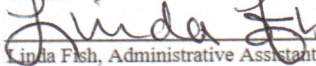
Ayes: Mr. Green and Mr. Driver

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Bailey

Date Approved: 5/20/26

Attest


Linda Fish, Administrative Assistant
General Services

