

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Lisa Rowell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Member Kerby Pierre
Member Mandy Larkin
Vice Chairman John Grosskopf
Chairman Lisa Rowell

The following members were absent:

Member Calin Giuroiu
Member Nicole Wright

Also in attendance:

Chris Gordon, Town Council Liaison
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags

Chairman Rowell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flag.

Invocation

Mandy Larkin gave the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

There were no items of community interest.

Public Comment

Ron Furtick, 1500 Turbeville, thanked the members of the Parks board for their service. This week the town will engage in a planning exercise that will determine the ultimate structure of the parks in Hickory Creek. Even more importantly it will determine how deeply parks and park-like environments will penetrate into future urbanization. Mr. Furtick encouraged the board to look at what is possible for future urban environment. The hottest thing in town planning is to create an environment that mixes the urban form and introduces parks and park-like settings into its structure. He proposed the park system be anchored in the lake park system already in place but

extend through pathway systems to include a system pocket parks and interconnected spaces. The urban focus should include a central park with cafes and coffee shops, tables spilling out onto patio terraces, walkable, wide sidewalks under a cover of live oak branches, trees spaced 45 feet apart. Mr. Furtick believes if you connect a downtown area to lake parks with a pathway system it will encourage bikes and jogging which will increase activity and help increase the park user ship. He believes Hickory Creek is posed at an incredible inflection point. The Town can either be swallowed by sprawl or embrace a new model for a green future. A future where the parks are allowed to invade the urbanization. Parking is clustered. All major services are a short walk away. A place where bicycles are encouraged. Mr. Furtick's preference would be that all major buildings and downtown areas be LEED certified and parks to invade the buildings and rooftop gardens on all major buildings. Hickory Creek has a wonderful foundation of parks in this town, now it's time to map out how to become a world class town by a careful integration of the current incredible parks system into a green urban environment of tomorrow's future downtown.

Reports

1. Report from town council liaison.

Gratitude for those who attended the volunteer appreciation dinner. The Town Council tabled the agenda item regarding the Water Toyz LLC to be considered in the coming months based on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

2. Report regarding Keep Hickory Creek Beautiful and Tree City USA.

Nothing to update at this time.

Consent Agenda

3. January Regular Meeting Minutes
4. January Special Session Meeting Minutes
5. December Financials

Motion made by Member Pierre to approve consent agenda items 3 and 5. Item 4 was tabled for review, Seconded by Member Larkin.

Voting Yea: Member Pierre, Member Larkin, Vice Chairman Grosskopf, and Chairman Rowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

6. Consider and act on the Great American Cleanup to be held Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Motion made by Member Pierre to hold a Great American Cleanup on Saturday, March 23, 2019 and for a tentative rain out date to be determined, Seconded by Member Larkin.

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Voting Yea: Member Pierre, Member Larkin, Vice Chairman Grosskopf, Chairman Rowell. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding the elections of the Parks and Recreation Board members.

Elections of officers will continue to be held in June.

8. Discussion regarding attending the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Rockwall/Dallas on June 18-20, 2019.

Chairman Rowell and Member Larkin discussed the possibility of representing Hickory Creek at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Rockwall/Dallas on June 18-20, 2019.

9. Discussion regarding the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

The first meeting for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan will be held on Wednesday, February 13.

10. Consider and act on a recommendation, but not limited to, projects or repairs in Arrowhead Park, Harbor Lane Park, Point Vista Park, Sycamore Bend Park, and Tanglewood Park either needed or ongoing.

There is a storage shed near the entrance of Sycamore Bend that appears to have been broken into and the door torn off. The posts are down at campsites 11 and 12. The cable is down at campsite 11. The electrical box cover at the pavilion has been torn off. Near the Eagle Scout Trail there appears to be a shelter built in the woods.

Adjournment

Motion made by Member Pierre to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Member Larkin. Voting Yea: Member Pierre, Member Larkin, Vice Chairman Grosskopf, Chairman Rowell. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lisa Rowell, Vice Chairman
Parks and Recreation Board

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant
Town of Hickory Creek