City of Spring Hill Parks and Recreation Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 2020

Members Present

Jeff Graves, Alderman.  Paul Downing, Vice-Chair.  Rocky Jackson, Secretary.  Emily Shell. Tim Hidley, Greg Bearden.

Others Present

Sonja Rine, Recreation Manager.
Richard Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Department.
Ben Miskelly, Kimberly Horn
Friends of the Park: Monica Powell, President. Susan Jones, Secretary of the Board.

I. Approval of October, November, and December minutes.


II. Kimberly Horn Master Plan Update – Ben Miskelly:

   a) Presentation given for update containing timeline, common activities, priority pyramid, and SWOT charts. Deadline for feedback = 2 weeks.

III. Open Discussion from visitors:

   a) “Friends of the Park” – Monica Powell, President. Susan Jones, Secretary.
      i) Formed in August. Want to help enhance events, drive interest and awareness, help advertise. Want to hear different viewpoints and opinions.

   b) Richard Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Department:
      i) Requested for Port Royal park to be renamed in honor of Kevin Fischer.

IV. Officer Elections:

   a) Motion for Jeff Graves for Chairman. Motion by Paul Downing. Second by Rocky Jackson. Passes unanimously.
b) Motion for Paul Downing for Vice-Chairman. Motion by Tim Hidley. Second by Jeff Graves. Passes unanimously.

c) Motion for Rocky Jackson for Secretary. Motion by Tim Hidley. Second by Jeff Graves. Passes unanimously.

V. Request from Lions Club to have authority to use Evans Park for a 20 year period.

a) Commission recommended a 5 year period.

b) Lions Club has built concessions, and other items and invested in the park.

c) Motion to recommend 5 year use agreement for the Lions Club to use Evans Park. Motion by Jeff Graves. Second by Rocky Jackson. Passes unanimously.

VI. Roundtable Discussion:

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b) Motion to update the plans for Evans Park for $1,000 from Parks and Recreation budget. Motion by Tim Hidley. Second by Rocky Jackson. Passes Unanimously.

c) Damage to playground of Port Royal park from recent flooding is estimated at $200,000. Drainage must be re-engineered. Recommendation requested to Victor Lay.

d) Due to new guidelines, all bleachers must be replaced at all city parks where the bleachers are over 30” tall. Per guidelines, we cannot modify, give away, or sell these. New bleachers must handrails, backing, and fall-webbing. The city has 32 bleachers. $128,000 is necessary to replace all of the park’s bleachers.

e) Next meeting decided on 3/12.

f) Motion to adjourn at 7:45PM. Motion by Rocky Jackson. Second by Jeff Graves. Passes unanimously.
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