



## ***Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes***

**Tuesday, November 6, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Municipal Building Meeting Room C**

Attended by: Board members David Franklin, Susana Montoya, Bill Moorhead and John Vogel. Also present were Commissioner Kelly Fraasch and Director of Recreation, David Donnellan.

Absent: Board Members Hugh Beal, Patrick Eberz and Bruce Parry.

### I. Approval of the October 2, 2012 Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### II. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

### III. Park Projects Update

David Donnellan reported that play equipment was installed at Church Place and Highland Terrace parks, and that the basketball courts at Highland Terrace and Iroquois parks were resurfaced. He also announced that engraved brick orders were processed for those who donated \$275 or more to Highland Terrace Park.

Donnellan also updated on the status of other projects from the unassigned fund balance. The golf course mower was purchased, Brafferton improvements would be discussed on November 13 with the Commission and the Tennis Center sidewalk RFP has been advertised. Specifications for the other projects are being developed.

Kelly Fraasch reported that she has heard from residents near Church Place Park who are grateful for the improvements. John Vogel expressed thanks to the Commission for funding recent recreation projects.

Dave Franklin asked that the Brafferton field improvements be timed to take place after June to minimize sports scheduling problems.

### IV. Recreation Bond Update

Donnellan reported that an Ordinance for a bond issue not to exceed \$4.8 million was introduced on October 22. He stated the bond was to include \$3.3 million for swimming pool improvements, \$750,000 for Robb Hollow improvements and \$500,000 for golf course

improvements. He said a public hearing would be held on November 13, and a vote on the Ordinance was scheduled for November 26. *(Editor's note: The Ordinance was enacted immediately following the public hearing on November 13).*

Kelly Fraasch announced that there was a meeting scheduled for November 11 at 1:00 p.m. to walk Robb Hollow Park and discuss possible improvements. Members of the Nature Conservancy, Parks Advisory Board, Environmental Sustainability Board, and the Friends of Robb Hollow Park were invited.

John Vogel distributed a copy of an email from Ms. Fraasch detailing plans for the meeting. Vogel requested that Donnellan forward the meeting invitation on to board members who were absent.

A discussion of the planned improvements followed. There was concern among the group that the Parks Advisory Board had not had sufficient input into the planned projects and that they did not reflect the recent prioritization of projects from the board.

Fraasch reported that the Commission was discussing a committee to review athletic fields.

***The Parks Advisory Board recommended that the bond issue funding for improvements to the golf course and Robb Hollow Park needs further consideration.***

Fraasch presented her latest proposal for Robb Hollow Park. The plan included opening access to the upper and lower areas of the park, moving the leaf operation, grassing areas for additional greenspace; as well as providing opportunities for future development of a play area, outdoor classroom, dog park and pavilion.

#### V. Meeting Dates for 2013

The following meeting dates were recommended for 2013:

January 8, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
February 5, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
March 5, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
April 2, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
May 7, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
June 4, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
July, 2013, No meeting is scheduled  
August 6, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
September 3, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
October 1, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
November 11, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
December 3, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

#### VI. Board and Authority Annual Input Form

The form was distributed for consideration.

#### VII. New Business

(New business was covered during discussion of the bond issue).

A. Fraasch Proposal for Robb Hollow Park

B. Project Prioritization (Montoya)

#### VIII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

#### IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.