



City of Keller

Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

Keller Town Hall
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Thursday, May 13, 2021

PRE-MEETING BRIEFING 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Erin Pfarner

Chairperson Erin Pfarner called the Work Session to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Erin Pfarner Chairperson

Felix Mira Vice-Chairperson

Nicholas Anderson

Jay Blakey

Thomas Hixson

Bryan Weaver

Staff Members Present: Director of Community Services Cody Maberry, Recreation Manager Kyle Cooper, Keller Pointe Manager Jennifer Oakes and Administrative Secretary Debbie Park.

Guests: Frank Roszell, Doug Malone and Marie Hilliard

B. WORK SESSION

1. [Discuss Additional Pickle Ball Courts](#)

Keller Resident Frank Roszell presented a concept plan for a pickle ball complex to be built on the 41 acres of undeveloped park land at the Northeast Park located off of Ottinger Road. He visited a similar complex in Holly Hill, Florida that is built on 10 acres and has 24 courts, a clubhouse and many more amenities. He feels this undeveloped park land would be put to great financial use and could create a big economic impact as a vacation destination for those players who participate in tournaments around the country. Board members are wanting to tour the site at Northeast Park before the next board meeting to see the space for the proposed complex, and they have asked for this item to be put on the agenda for the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Guests speakers Doug Malone and Marie Hilliard spoke in favor of the pickle ball complex as both are avid players and said with the sport growing so fast Keller definitely needs more courts to accommodate all who want to play.

2. [Discuss Hike and Bike Trail Dividing Lines](#)

Cody Maberry led a discussion concerning trail safety and hike and bike trail etiquette brought forth by concerned citizens. Trail dividing lines are only painted on one trail throughout the city's 27.5 mile trail system. Painting and maintaining dividing lines is costly and is not really effective in promoting trail safety. The board did not recommend painting dividing lines on the trails but would rather focus on promoting bike and trail safety through a bike etiquette program that would use social media, water bill notices, events in the parks and at the Keller Farmers Market, videos and placing trail etiquette signs at various trail heads. Forming a "Trail Ambassador" program staffed with volunteers to monitor trail activity and to promote safety on the trails was also mentioned. The board also discussed trail expansion as a way to make the trails safer by providing wider areas and eliminating blind spots on the trails. Staff will work on ways to promote a trail safety program and will present those ideas for discussion at a future Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

3. [Receive Update on Park Construction Projects](#)

Recreation Manager Kyle Cooper gave an update on the following construction projects:

Keller Senior Activities Center: Construction is two weeks behind schedule due to recent weather conditions. The gym foundation has been poured and some of the walls have been erected. Staff will go to look at furniture for the center next week. The fitness equipment for the center is on the City Council agenda for the next meeting to get council approval.

Overton Ridge Park: Bid opening is scheduled for June.

Bear Creek Park Parking Lot Project: Work is scheduled to begin in June.

Bear Creek Park Pond Dredging: Dredging of the pond is set to begin in June, currently waiting on materials and equipment to arrive.

4. [Staff Announcements](#)

Recreation Manager Kyle Cooper gave an update on programs and special events. He announced Keller Summer Nights starting on Thursday, June 3 at 7:30 with a concert in front of Town Hall and a movie shown at dark on the back patio. This concert and movies series is each Thursday night in June. The Keller Family Camp-Out event in May was rescheduled for Saturday, June 5th with the Fishing For Fun event taking place earlier that day. Activities and programs at the Keller Senior Activities Center are back on schedule with yoga starting in June. The meal program will continue with to go orders and Metroport Meals on Wheels has announced in house dining will begin in July. Day trips will return in the fall and extended trips will begin in 2022 due to travel restrictions that may still be in place during 2021. The City of Keller was recognized as a Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Affiliate, an award that went to only 70 cities in Texas. Former Keller Parks and

Recreation team member Teresa Magana gathered all the information needed and submitted the city for the award. Keller Pointe Manager Jennifer Oakes gave an update on the final financial audit for FY20. Pointe final expenses for FY20 were reported at \$2,036,000 with revenue reported at \$1,964,000 which resulted in a net of (\$71,000) for the fiscal year. Membership renewals are starting to increase and there are less membership cancellations than in previous months.

5. [Receive Update from Park Board Members](#)

Chairperson Erin Pfarner gave an update of a meeting she and Director Cody Maberry had with Bike Gangs of Fort Worth to learn about their bike rehabilitation program. This non-profit group gathers bikes to be cleaned and repaired and to be given to people of all ages. Erin would like Keller to have an event to do the same, the non-profit group would join residents and teach them how to repair the bikes to be given away. Board Member Jay Blakey gave an update on parkrun, the first event after a 14 month hiatus will be on Saturday, May 22 at 8:00 a.m. He encourages the other board members to attend or volunteer if they can. Board Member Felix Mira stated he did not volunteer to lead the effort for the development of a pickle ball complex at the Northeast Park but he fully supports the idea and it would be great for economic development. He does want to keep the enhancements of the courts in Bear Creek Park that were presented by students of KCAL at the April board meeting in the forefront and invite the students back to present their ideas if needed to draw more support from KDC. He would like the next step for discussion of these enhancements include a presentation of a budget for this project and to discuss matching grant options with the KDC. He invited the park board members to visit the pickle ball courts during the weeknights and on a Saturday or Sunday to see how many people are using the courts to warrant the addition of the amenities for the courts.

C. ADJOURN

Motion by Hixson, seconded by Mira to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

Chairperson Erin Pfarner adjourned the Work Session at 7:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Erin Pfarner

Chairperson Erin Pfarner called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

B. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

This is a time for the public to address the Board/Commission on any subject. However, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Board/Commission from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.

No public comments were made.

C. MINUTES

1. [Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2021](#)

Motion by Blakey, seconded by Weaver to approve the minutes a presented.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

2. [Approval of Joint Work Session Minutes of April 8, 2021](#)

Motion by Hixson, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

D. ADJOURN

Motion by Mira, seconded by Blakey to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

Chairperson Erin Pfarner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Chairperson

Staff Liaison