



City of Keller
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, September 9, 2021

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Erin Pfarner

Chairperson Erin Pfarner called the Work Session to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members Present:
Erin Pfarner, Chairperson
Felix Mira, Vice Chairperson
Nicholas Anderson
Adam Dougherty
Thomas Hixson
Judy Sether
Bryan Weaver

Staff Members present: Director of Community Services Cody Maberry, Recreation Manager Kyle Cooper and Administrative Secretary Debbie Park.

Council Members present: Council Member Beckie Paquin, Council Member Ross McMullin and Council Member Sheri Almond.

B. DISCUSS SPLASH PAD

Director of Community Services Cody Maberry reviewed the parks and recreation budget and the KDC Capital Improvements budget with the board to ensure there is funding for the addition of a splash pad with a proposed cost of around \$400,000 depending on what type is chosen and added amenities. Several photos of area splash pads were shown highlighting the different types of splash pads, some simple designs and some having more elaborate features. Board and Staff will need to discuss the option of having recirculated treated water which could be a more costly addition. Council Member Sheri Almond was in favor of placing a splash pad in Bear Creek Park near the playground because restroom facilities are already in place and it is a heavily used park. Council Member Beckie Paquin was in favor of the addition of a splash pad to create a family activity in the city. She recommends it be free of charge so it is affordable to all, and would like to see one centrally located in Keller near restrooms if possible. She also is concerned with the annual maintenance cost. Council Member Ross McMullin discussed design, cost and location with thoughts of having more than one splash pad in the city.

He proposed locating one in Old Town Keller, Bates Street Park or the Sports Park. He was in favor of opening The Keller Pointe splash pad to be accessible to everyone free of charge. He liked the idea of locating a splash pad near the library, Johnson Road Park, Town Hall or Town Center. He suggested using an informal survey of residents to get feedback on this project. The board continued discussion and suggested moving the fence around the splash pad located at The Keller Pointe as it would be a good option for providing free access for all. Locating a splash pad at Keller Town Hall would be great addition, especially during special events. Board would like to further discuss budget, amenities, and location of a splash pad and would like to tour some area parks with existing splash pads for ideas. Staff will gather more information and will ask Shane Jeffreys of Playground Shade and Surfacing Depot to attend a future meeting to discuss options and amenities that would be available within the budget.

C. ADJOURN

**Motion by Weaver, seconded by Hixson to adjourn the Work Session.
Motion passed, all present voting aye.**

Chairperson Erin Pfarner adjourned the Work Session at 7:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Staff Liaison