



## City of Denton

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### Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board Minutes

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After determining that a quorum of the City of Denton, Texas, **Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board** is present, the Chair of the Board thereafter convened into an open meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center, Denton, Texas.

**Present:** Paul Leslie, Frances Punch, Kent Boring, Alana Presley Taylor, Ben Huttash, Gary Barber, George Ferrie, and David Shuck.

**Absent:** Phil Gallivan

**Staff present:** Gary Packan, Director, Laura Behrens, Assistant Director, Drew Huffman, Superintendent of Parks Maintenance, and Janie McLeod, Community Events Coordinator.

**Guests:** Rian Maguire and Rory Maguire, Country Lakes West

Boring called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

##### **Presentation by Gary Packan, Director of Parks and Recreation, recognizing the dedication and service of Park Board Members Paul Leslie and Phil Gallivan.**

Packan presented retiring Board Chair, Paul Leslie, a plaque and expressed the City's and staff's appreciation for his years of service on the Parks and Recreation Board. Gallivan was unable to attend the meeting and his plaque will be delivered at a later time.

New members David Shuck and George Ferrie were introduced and welcomed to the Board.

##### **Hold a discussion and vote on the election of a new Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board Chair.**

Barber motioned to elect Punch to serve as Chair and the motion was seconded by Huttash. The motion was unanimously approved.

Punch motioned for Barber to serve as Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Ferrie. The motion was unanimously approved.

##### **Consider approval of the Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board meeting of August 6, 2018.**

Barber motioned to approve the August 6 minutes and the motion was seconded by Huttash. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Receive a report from staff, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the donation from the Rayzor-Elliott family via the Denton Parks Foundation for IOOF Cemetery.**

Packan reviewed the Cemetery Improvement Plan that enhances the beautification and overall infrastructure improvement for both cemeteries, IOOF and Oakwood.

A donor expressed a desire to assist in funding the Cemetery Improvement Plan that would include completion of the emergency headstone repairs; renovation to the historic maintenance building; landscaping enhancement along Carroll Boulevard; and the remaining balance to be used for fencing improvements.

Barber asked if a sidewalk could be added and Packan said he would look into it.

Ferrie motioned to accept the donation and provide direction to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and for staff to move forward on cemetery improvements. Punch seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Receive a report from staff, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the development of land located at the corner of Carnegie Road and Ridglea Court.**

Packan shared that in 2017, County Lakes West had contacted staff regarding development and dedication of park land north of Crawford Road and east of I-35W. Staff created a concept plan for the Park Board's consideration.

The park would provide green space, a playground, and amphitheater seating for the surrounding neighborhoods. The park land is 1.4 acres with a steep terrain and limits park use.

To date, the Department has \$256,080 in the 915/916 Fund from development in this vicinity that can be utilized for construction at this park location.

Staff requested feedback from the Board on the concept plan and support to move forward to City Council.

The Board agreed for the concept to continue to move forward. The Board asked that staff continue to explore the possibility of additional funding from the developers. Staff will provide a more formal plan with hard costs at the October or November Park Board meeting.

**Receive a report from staff, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the design and construction of Industrial Park.**

Packan reviewed the history and an update on the design concept. The six focus areas were discussed and a new rendering had been shared with the Board.

The Board was asked for feedback for the future development. Discussions took place on the pro and cons of turf grass, if alcohol would be allowed in the park, reservation of the park for exclusive use, removal, and replacement of trees, and restroom availability.

**Receive a report from staff, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Bowling Green Community Garden.**

Behrens shared information that the 51 15x15x13 garden plots are available to rent for \$20 each. She added that currently, five plots have been specifically designated for organic planting.

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) committee proposed that half of the plots be organic and the others non-organic.

The staff works closely with a garden committee and a community garden coordinator. The coordinator organizes a rules committee who settle disputes, rule infractions and enforce the agreement signed by each gardener.

The plots are mowed and tilled once a year and water is accessible for the gardens.

**Receive a report from staff, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the proposed design and construction of a future park in Rayzor Ranch Town Center.**

Packan said the staff has been working with Hodges Architecture and Red Development on the development of a park at Rayzor Ranch Town Center. He added that half of the 9.87 acres would be allocated for an amphitheater space and the other half for general park open space.

The proposed amphitheater stage is located on private land and owned by property developer/owner/management firm so alcohol related activities with adjacent establishments would not be associated with the park property. There are not any dedicated parking spaces but parking lots are located adjacent to the park and across the street.

Packan shared information that if the 915/916 Funds were not used at the Rayzor Ranch Town Center that those funds could be used for improvements at McKenna Park. The Board asked that staff continue to explore the park development and funding from the developers.

**2. CONCLUDING ITEMS:**

- Packan was asked about an update on the status of Park Foundation and the City. The Park Foundation Executive Director will be asked to attend the Board meetings and share updates.
- Map and information on the North Lakes Park green space/wet lands were requested.
- An update on the concept and budget for the new dog park was requested.

Shuck motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. and was seconded by Boring.