



City of Lancaster  
QUALITY OF LIFE AND CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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**MEETING**

**LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, February 15, 2016 6:15 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The members of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Monday, February 15, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. at the Lancaster Recreation Center (Grand Hall), 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX 75134.

**Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:** Jerry Giles, Darwin Isham, Mary Sykes, Willene Watson, and Terrence Comick

**Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Absent:** Abe Cooper, Spencer Hervey, Cecelia Rutherford, and Nina Morris

**City Staff Present:** Managing Director Sean Johnson, Assistant Director Michael Rasco, Recreation Superintendent Bakahri Thornton, Park Superintendent Kevin Wiley, and Substitute Administrative Support Shelisa Dean

**I. Call to Order**

Jerry Giles called the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

**II. Consider Approval of Minutes (November 16, 2015 and December 12, 2015)**

Mrs. Willene Watkins made a motion to approved and seconded by Mr. Darwin Isham to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015 and December 12, 2015 of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. TRAPS (Texas Recreation and Parks Society) Discussion – Sean Johnson, Managing Director**

Mr. Johnson provided an update on the direction that TRAPS is taking this upcoming FY with one of the primary focusses being the creation of a track for board/ commission and city council members (elected and appointed officials). This is done in an effort to keep our officials abreast of the Legislative platform of TRAPS, as well as, increase the knowledge of the parks and recreation profession. TRAPS will continue to provide training for all levels of employees in the field of parks and recreation, as well as, increasing opportunities for

private sector service providers (i.e. YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Faith Based organizations) to get involved with TRAPS as well.

There was further questions/discussion.

#### **IV. New Croquet Course Discussion – Mike Rasco, Assistant Director**

Mr. Rasco provided an update on the construction of the Croquet Course that is being installed behind the Senior Life Center.

Board Member Jerry Giles created a video depicting Croquet and its benefits

There were further questions/discussions.

#### **V. Youth Sports Discussion – Bakahri Thornton, Recreation Superintendent**

Mr. Thornton provided an update on the status of Lancaster Youth Sports.

- Winter Basketball League: 67 Teams in the league, run all day Saturday and 2 hours on Sunday. Lot of good feedback from customers on how well organized the league ran.
- Lancaster Soccer Association: Registration has started on Saturdays from 10-1. Fliers going out to the schools. Association competes in North Texas Soccer Association via Best Southwest Soccer.
- Lancaster Baseball Association: Currently 5 teams; predicted to have 7 or 8 with fliers going out to the schools. April 2 is the opening weekend for Baseball. Association competes in Best Southwest Baseball Association.

There were further questions/discussions.

#### **VI. Special Events Discussion – Sean Johnson, Managing Director**

Mr. Johnson provided an update to the Annual Special Event Calendar and highlighted the upcoming special events.

There were further questions/discussions

#### **VII. Set Date and Agenda of Next Meeting**

- **Date of Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016**
- Croquet Course Update
- Youth Sports

#### **VII. Adjournment**

MRS. MARY SYKES MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY DARWIN ISHAM TO ADJOURN. ALL PRESENT APPROVED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.

ATTEST:



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SEAN JOHNSON, BOARD LIAISON

APPROVED:



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JERRY GILES, CHAIR  
LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD