



City of Lancaster  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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**MEETING**

**LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, October 22, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Members of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met October 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center (Grand Hall), 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX 75134.

**Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:** Mary Sykes, Abe Cooper, Spencer Hervey, Don May, Willene Watson, Cecelia Rutherford, and Jerry Giles. **Absent,** Darwin Isham

**City Staff Present:** Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore, Library Manager Jerry McCulley, and Administrative Secretary Cynthia D. Williams.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Willene Watson called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

**II. Consider Approval of Minutes (August 20, 2012)**

Mr. Hervey made a motion seconded by Mr. Giles to approve the minutes of August 20, 2012 with the addition of Mrs. Rutherford's name. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Election of Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Officers**

Mrs. Sykes made a nomination to reelect Ms. Watson as Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson. Ms. Watson respectfully declined the nomination and stated that she would like to offer the opportunity for others to chair the Board because of holding the chair position for the past several terms.

Mr. Hervey made a nomination seconded by Mr. May to elect Mr. Cooper as Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

**NOTE:** At this point, Mr. Cooper chaired the meeting.

Mr. Hervey made a nomination seconded by Mr. May to elect Mr. Giles as Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vice Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. Lancaster Police Officer Association Mud Run Fundraiser (Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson)**

Mr. Johnson reported on the Mud Run Fundraiser, which took place on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Bear Creek Nature Park in Lancaster, TX. Police are still tallying the proceeds; however, they had over 500 prepaid participants. The Park will remain closed this week until Staff can get it restored to its original standing. We do have signage up at the entrance point. Mud Run Productions would like to come back next year. Once we receive the proceeds, they will go toward our teen programming and enhancement at Bear Creek Nature Park. We did have coverage on Channel 8. Mrs. Craig Shaw and Family attended the event.

There was further questions/discussion.

#### **V. Update on Lancaster Soccer Association (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)**

Mr. Moore reported that soccer is slowly growing to an end. U8 and Kick Start season ended last week. The U10 and up to U16 will end on November 10, 2012. Staff will hold two banquets for the participants on November 10, and 17, 2012. The first banquet on November 10, 2012 will take place at the Recreation Center from 3p – 5:30p. This will include the Kick Start and the U8 participants. The November 17, 2012 banquet will take place at the Senior Life Center from 6p – 8p. On November 10, 2012, Staff will gather with the participants, present awards, and go swimming. We will introduce them to the water and the pool, get them excited about swimming, and recruit some for the swim teams.

There was further questions/discussion.

Mr. Moore also reported that the Association is moving forward. We have about eight dedicated volunteers that are coming to the meetings. We meet every other week with an Agenda. Our goal is to handoff the soccer program to the Association. It is going well.

There was further questions/discussion.

#### **VI. Discussion on Dog Off-Leash Areas “Dog Parks” (Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson)**

Mr. Johnson reported that the new phenomenon nationally that you find in park operations is dog parks. Parks and Recreation is looking into possibly developing a pilot site at City Park utilizing the old outdoor pool.

There was further questions/discussion.

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

- Update Dog Parks
- Update on Amphitheater (if needed)
- Mud Run
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Event PowerPoint Presentation/Video
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Event Pros and Cons

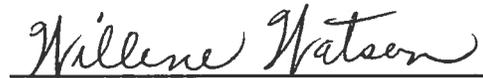
#### **IX. Adjournment**

Mr. Hervey made a motion seconded by Mrs. Rutherford to adjourn. All present approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Willene Watson, Chairperson  
Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

  
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Abe Cooper, Elected Chairperson  
Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board