

Park Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting of July 10, 2024

PLACE	NAME	P/A	PLACE	NAME	P/A
1	Angela Lewallen	P	6	*Blake Wyne	A
2	Elizabeth Flores	P	7	John Brooks	A
3	Chery Brennan	P	8	Jim Domer	P
4	Kyle Bertsch	P	9	Elaine Borchardt	P
5	Julia Sykes	P			

A. Call Meeting to Order and Announce Quorum is Present:

The July Park Board Meeting was called to order by Jim Domer, Park Board Chair at 6:00 p.m.

B. Visitors: 0

C. Approval of Park Board Minutes:

Chery motioned to approve the Park Board Minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Elaine and the vote was unanimous.

D. New business:

a. Amilia Upgrades and Report – Erika Tang

- Jim: Renting pavilions/ballfields online: Is there a way to still receive a confirmation to prove you have a reservation? Just in case someone comes up and asks.
- Erika: Yes, that will remain the same. Confirmations are emailed to the renter after booking, along with the phone number of our Park Ranger should a renter have a problem.
- Elaine: Will online reservations affect staffing at the building?
- Erika: Yes, it will allow them to provide better service in the building vs getting tied up on phone calls. But we don't anticipate changes in need for staff.
- Angela: When will you roll out online class enrollment?
- Erika: All classes are already on Amilia, we're catching up on facility rental side.
- Angela: Over 50% are still calling or registering for classes? I'm surprised because I see how many classes you offer.
- Celia: Many active adult (senior) classes are recurring, so that can contribute to the percentage of in-person sign-ups if they feel more comfortable asking in person or know they're coming in anyway.

b. NRPA Park Metrics Report – Jose Marines

- Angela: Is Hedrick house being rented? Lower/higher interest than expected?
- Erika: It's been slow to start up. Talking with Vizcarra, the pricing is significantly higher than when we rented it out before so we're looking at changes there. We anticipated a slow startup because of how long it was off the market, but we're not where we want to be and are working on changes to kick things into gear.
- Chery: How long are the athletic fields going to be closed?
- Chris C: Once you open the fields you can't control traffic to Lake Park.
- Marcus: When the kids come back to play, the fields will be ready. Normally we do close and rest the fields in the summer but keep the parking lots open. Right now, Lake Park is a dangerous place so that's why the parking lots are closed. The kids will be able to play this fall, no worries.

c. Park Condition Assessment Program Updates – Charles Cancellare

- Elizabeth: projected time commitment? Just your best estimate?
- Charles: There are 40 playgrounds – Castle Hills, Central, etc. Depending on the committee, I can't imagine that a committee couldn't get through one playground in 30 minutes. If you're spending 4 hours on a Saturday, you would probably get through 6-7 playgrounds. It would likely take 4 or 5 weeks to get it done. Landscapes should be able to go through fairly quickly because they look similar, are maintained similarly, and probably have the same issues. Trails would take longer because you'd have to drive through them. I think it'll get faster as you go. It's hard to give a hardline answer. I suggest looking at the criteria and how many there are and then consider how you'd be able to participate.
- Marcus: This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. We'll bring in recommendations. You can turn them in tonight or email later. The sooner the better.

Reports:

- Marcus: City Council board appreciation dinner – Thursday, September 5, i-compete experience, 6-8:30pm. We'll send an official invite.
- Angela – Bags and Brews?
- Erika: Cornhole event. You can register to play cornhole at Thrive at the north lawn.
- Marcus: Glory Park Grand opening recap – Jose and Randy will go over that
- Jose: It started off with volunteer event, 2 hours for 11 bags along the creek. Park Board and PARD staff installed the Adopt A Spot sign. Thank you for adopting Glory Park.
- Randy: Appreciate the volunteers. Park looked great. 300 people showed up. Mayor, Stacie, and Park Manager spoke. Got feedback from the community and we tried to give them what they wanted. 10 min walk – we're now at 78%. It increased almost 2% to goal with this park opening. It was a strategic location due to area and community. Lots of positive feedback – colors, bird cut outs, shade structure, design. Loved something in walking distance. Would have loved to have opened earlier but that's all we'd change. Team effort – police cooking hot dogs, engaging with community. Fire truck was there. Streets and Neighborhood Services were there. Kimley-Horn paid for Kona Ice and were there as an external partner.
- Jose: Local and national coverage: Community Impact, and Planetizen – a planning journal did an article about community connectivity. We didn't do a typical ribbon cutting. Erika facilitated more of a football field experience.
- Jim: Where's the drone footage?
- Marcus: Thank you, without your support we wouldn't have been able to do that
- Jose: We had more volunteers sign up than show up
- Chery: How many volunteers signed up to be Glory Park Guardians?
- Marcus: We'll check
- Angela: We need email addresses so we can schedule our cleanups. We picked third Saturdays but that's Duck Derby
- Chery: Can we do 8?
- Angela: 8-10am? And how early would you like a reminder? In case you bring a friend and we need to fill out a liability form and so I can pick up supplies
- Chery: 5 days in advance for a reminder?
- Celia: I'll print out sign up sheets and bring them to the meeting and you can confirm after
- Elizabeth: things I've been noticing: Thrive – we have active adults and teens, but I see a significant gap in programming and child watch for certain age groups. I know we're

trying to get Thrive memberships – we’re on the expensive end of typical gyms and I’m wondering if we can split membership between gym only and pool only memberships. Piecemeal membership. I get the kayak launch safety issue at Hebron, but not being able to fish at the park is something I don’t understand. Charles, where are we on storm cleanup completion?

- Charles: we’re at 70%. Behind what I had said last time, when I said 2 weeks. Our service requests and core work have taken off. We have 100 dead trees our staff needs to take out – based on a recent tree assessment. Additionally, contractors are going to need to get out there for trees on power lines. As the water level goes down, we’re trying to get rid of the trees which are starting to drop limbs. You can tell some of these trees have been around for a while. Something I didn’t consider is trees that were on private property but fell or were moved onto our property
- Elizabeth: Will you be replanting too? Or is just removal planned?
- Charles: We are committed to replacing trees. We measure the ones we take down and we hope to plant new trees in the same general area. An issue with replanting is that it’s hard to put trees in without water. Many we’ve tried planting in recent years have been lost so we’re trying to solve for irrigation.
- Elizabeth: Park lighting – we’ve talked about how hot it is. I prefer not to get out before 7pm. I’ve noticed some parks (RR) are dark. It’s all off – dog park, main park. Main drive is lit. My concern is that we need to be considerate of people who have to walk later. I’d like to see lighting extended to 11 (when parks are closed).
- Marcus: I haven’t heard of this issue but we definitely will look into it
- Elizabeth: Maybe it’s a timer issue. Erika, while we were speaking, maybe older people would be comfortable using a kiosk to self-help (with registration).
- Erika: We’ve explored the idea of an iPad. A Kiosk might not make sense
- Elizabeth: I loved the glow bike ride – maybe you can plan monthly park events. Not too intensive funding, not too much to organize with staffing. Try different things at different parks – cheap, easy stuff (bubbles, chalk)
- Chery: Don’t we do that? With PLOW?
- Erika: Yes we have a rotation. We will be having the glow event again in September
- Marcus; Miranda has been bringing a lot of new stuff. Not everything is making due to low enrollment.
- Elizabeth: Where are you advertising?
- Erika: We try to reach the communities you’re speaking of
- Marcus: We try to access this population and have many social media outlets. We’ll keep trying
- Elizabeth: City mediums only? Or partners like soccer/baseball ads?
- Erika: We haven’t sent a special event flyer to those organization
- Elizabeth: Schools?
- Erika: We try but it’s hard to get them to be handed out
- Marcus: We’re going to print the LEAF (huge undertaking, high cost) and send it to every resident. 50,000 LEAFs
- Julia: Can we opt for digital somewhere?
- Marcus: No

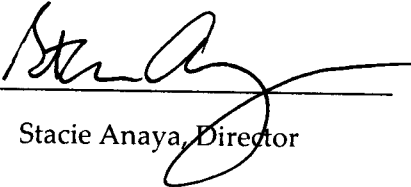
- Elizabeth: I'm deadset on signage. I don't have free time so I don't look on the Lewisville website. Digitally, I have too many emails to track. Trying to consider other folks like me and how to reach us.
- Marcus; I wish I knew. Every City I've worked at, it's an issue
- Kyle: Background/history on LISD?
- Erika: Pre-COVID we could bring a 1 page flyer to every Lewisville proper school and teachers would distribute through take home binders. With COVID and after we've never been allowed back in. Nobody has.
- Angela: I tried to reach out to libraries and some will do daily announcements. It's very case by case.
- Erika; LISd's look magazine was not how we were going to spend ad funding because parents reported they didn't ever get it.
- Angela: I'm on a school board and am trying to get us more connected. Who will be there for park cleanup?
- Chery, Julia, Angela indicated yes. Angela will send Kyle an email with details too
- Jim showed some Park Board and Parks love

E. Round Table:

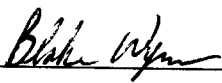
- Angela Lewallen –
- Elizabeth Flores –
- Chery Brennan –
- Kyle Bertsch – grew up in Mesquite, met wife at TX A&M. Her family grew up in Lewisville. They moved back here together in 2018. Has been on the Zoning Board and others.
- Julia Sykes –
- Blake Wyne –
- John Brooks -
- Jim Domer –
- Elaine Borchardt –

H. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Chery to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., was seconded by Elaine and the vote was unanimous.



 Stacie Anaya, Director



 Blake Wyne, Park Board Chair