

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, November 18, 2021 in room 402 of the Troy Community Center.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Tim Fulcher, Kelly Martin, John Shepherd, Casey Colussi, Hitesh Patel, Akshitha Sahu, Dennis Trantham, Brian Goul

Absent: Govindrajan Thattai

Visitors: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 10 – 006

RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 16, 2021 are approved.

Moved by Mike Brady

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 10 – 007

RESOLVED, that the minutes of October 7, 2021 Special Meeting are approved.

Moved by Mike Brady

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business – Kristin Franklin’s proposal of Redwood Park

- The Parks and Recreation Board agree the proposal was nice but the City is still in a place where there isn’t funding.
- Tim Fulcher addressed there are larger parks with greater needs that could be updated and affect a greater amount of people.
- The Board agreed to follow what has already been established in the Master Plan.

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 10 – 008

Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Board rejects the proposed updates to Redwood Park.

Moved by Casey Colussi

Seconded by Kelly Martin

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

New Business-

Election of Officers

Tim Fulcher nominated Mike Brady to retain the position of President.  
Pam Brady seconded.

John Shepherd nominated Kelly Martin for Vice Chair.  
Pam Brady seconded.

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 10 – 008

Resolved that Mike Brady has been elected President of the Parks and Recreation Board,  
and Kelly Martin has been elected Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept proposed dates for 2022 meetings be February 10, 2022, April 28, 2022,  
September 15, 2022, and November 17, 2022.

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 10 – 009

Resolved that the 2022 Parks and Recreation Board meetings will be held on February 10,  
2022, April 28, 2022, September 15, 2022, and November 17, 2022.

Moved by Pam Brady

Seconded by John Shepherd

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Member Comments - none

Staff Reports

Brian Goul

- City Department Directors and City Management had a meeting called Advance where they went over the needs of the city. This meeting was to give Council an idea of where each department is at.

- Troy Community Center memberships are starting to pick up. The gym is heavily used with badminton and pickle ball.
- Banquet rentals are starting to pick up as well.
- Therapy pool was closed for three weeks due to a pump needing repair.

Dennis Trantham

- Parks is continually short staffed.
- Starting this year the Parks department will try to employ 8 Part time staff year round.
- The Dog Park restroom and Boulan Park's south restroom will be heated so it can remain open year-round. Looking to add gas lines to other parks to keep them.
- With the Community interest money available through Federal Government, the City is moving forward with construction of new pavilion and ice-skating opportunity. Hoping to bring information to the board in February.
- Sylvan Glenn to be developed more in the future.
- Public Hearing on Monday to reprogram Community Development money from installing a walkway to the soccer fields at Firefighters Park to develop 4 parcels at Long Lake and I-75 into an inclusive park with cardboard sled hill. The costs of developing the pathway has become more than the Community Development Funds. The new park will be a park for everyone.
- Discussion on Green Space and the purchase of new land to keep Green Space in Troy.
- Discussion on the Nodes study in Troy. Nodes are the central area of a Community within a Community. The area that defines a section of the City. The study is to see what residents want.
- Discussion on Troy Family Aquatic Center. Kelly asked what the timeline of it and when would it need to be removed and replaced. Brian Goul explained it is on the radar of City Council. Brian also discussed the lack of being able to hire Lifeguards is one of our biggest obstacles. Dennis made note that he could repair anything at the Aquatic Center far less than the cost of replacing the entire center.
- Discussion of new play-structure at Jaycee Park this year and how replacements of play-structures are decided by the department and City year by year.
- Introduction of members to newest member Hitesh Patel.
- Discussion of the response from Jeanne Stine regarding the naming of the park after her.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

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Mike Brady, Chairperson

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Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary