

Houston Parks and Recreation
Park Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

Members Present: Rachael Choate, Amy Smith, Sheena Postlewait, Stetson Evetts, Preston Wade, Larry Benoist, and Wendy Sholtz

Guests: Shelia Walker, Toni Mckinney, Dakota Burchett, Kevin Stilley, Angie Stilley,, Ally Benoist, Parker Stilley.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Rachael Choate at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were read, Amy Smith made a motion to accept minutes, 2nd was made by Sheena Postlewait, motion passed by all who were present.

Sports

Baseball- Teams are having trouble finding practice space. Robbie has been working to make the fairground ball fields acceptable. The plan is to work with the school, to get the fields in better shape. A recommendation was made to spray the field for ticks.

Swim Team- June 10th is the 1st official swim meet. All coaches are in place. There will be a parents meeting next Thursday at 6:00. There will not be a home meet this year, but there are plans to hold one next year. So far there are 10 kids signed up. Toni plans to have a small Houston only meet as a warm up for the swimmers, before the first meet of the season.

End of season sports parties- There will be a pool party for all the kids who have participated in sports. People who coached teams this last year will be given a Free 1 day family pass (for up to 5 people) to be used at either the golf course or the pool. Amy Smith made a motion to hold the party and honor the coaches, and Sheena Postlewait 2nd the motion, all approved.

New Business

Sports Complex- 3 fields were tested. All 3 properties would require dirt work. The board would like to have an idea of the cost for dirt work for each property before making a final suggestion to the City Council.

Old Business

Pickleball- Flooring has been pulled up. After the pool is open the single court lines will be painted onto the concrete floor.

HWY 17 park- There is currently no new news. The board is waiting for the SP40 board to come to a conclusion. If the SP40 doesn't make a decision within a couple months the Park Board is going to move forward and apply for grants.

Pool Update- Dakota provided information on the pool's progress along with the todo list and a list of guards that are going to do the training to get certified.

Robbie is going to get a price for pool covers as well as a new liner.

All pool pass purchases will happen in person this year, not online.

Miscellaneous

Larry Benoist will be offering golf and tennis lessons free to area youth. Golf lessons will happen June 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Tennis will be June 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Golf passes are for sale, so far there are 71 family passes, 13 individual, 1 junior, 16 senior, and 8 senior couples that have been purchased this year.

Volunteers have done a good portion of the watering for the golf course.

Robbie ordered a new digger for Emmett Kelly Park.

The board will need to elect a new President and/ or Vice President in June. Board Members were asked to consider filling the position, or think of who they would like to fill the spot.

A motion was made by Larry Benoist to adjourn the meeting, Preston Wade 2nd, All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:41.

Next meeting will be held June 14th at 6:00 at the pool house.