

REGULAR SESSION

October 24, 2018

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Athens City Hall, 508 E. Tyler St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Justin Boswell
Bob Morton
Clyde Bowman
Jay Eckert
Willy Robson

Thanasis Kombos, Public Works Director
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Janicia Evans

with the following members absent: Andrea Copeland and Scott Simpson

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Justin Boswell.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Thanasis Kombos, Public Works Director, introduced Willy Robson as a new member of the board. He stated that Mr. Robson has been involved with many recreational activities throughout the years. Mr. Kombos also introduced Scott Simpson as another new member of the board. He stated that Mr. Simpson attended the Athens Leadership Institute and showed interest in becoming a member of a board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Robson to appoint Justin Boswell as Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairman Boswell, seconded by Member Eckert to appoint Bob Morton as Vice-Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2018 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Morton to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2018 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There was no discussion.

DISCUSS ATHENS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2018-2019 PARKS PROJECT

Mr. Kombos informed the board members that he was approached by the Athens Leadership Institute (ALI), regarding their annual project. He stated they are interested in doing a Parks Project with the City as their annual community project. He stated the ALI invited him to answer questions, with his response being that once they determine which project they would like to recommend they should come and speak with the Parks Advisory Board formally so that the recommended project could be presented to City Council the proper way. Mr. Kombos further stated they showed interest in the ballfield lights at Coleman Park. He stated that ALI requested that he seek a quote from ballfield lighting installer. He stated he did meet with a ballfield lighting installer and has received the quotes.

Mr. Kombos presented to the Parks Advisory Board two (2) different LED ballfield lighting quotes. He stated they quoted him thirty (30) ft. candles and fifty (50) ft. candles, which is basically the amount of lights applied to the field. He stated the thirty (30) ft. candles are absolutely suitable for all recreational play. He stated that typically a High School would have a fifty (50) ft. candle. He stated he had them quote that just to have a comparison. He stated as you can see there is quite a considerable difference \$201,000 vs. \$294,000. He stated that he believes the thirty (30) ft. candles would be more than suitable for the ballfield lighting at Coleman Park. He also requested that the ballfield lighting installer make a quote for a single pole with three-hundred sixty degree (360 °) lights.

Discussion occurred.

Mr. Kombos stated the other item discussed at the Athens Leadership Institute meeting was there are not many shade trees on the soccer field side of the park. He provided input on where the shade trees should be planted for better shade in the area.

Little discussion occurred.

Member Morton expressed his thoughts and concerns with the Athens Leadership Institute regarding a project they did back in 2013. He stated he is against the ALI park project.

Member Robson stated he would like to see more soccer fields rather than more lights being added.

Mr. Kombos asked the board if they are interested in having a representative from ALI come and provide more details regarding their park project ideas. Each member agreed that would be a great idea. Mr. Kombos stated he would reach out to ALI to invite a representative to come and provide details.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Kombos provided the following updates:

- O.D. Baggett Park Family Day was canceled on October 20, 2018 due to the weather conditions
- O.D. Baggett Park Project is complete
- January 2017 the City Council appropriated funding for smaller park projects which includes the development of Peach Park. He stated this project has started

Member Robson suggested the Board determine a project for the Eagle Scouts.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

Justin Boswell, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary