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MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
City Hall, 385 S Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
6:00 PM

7 **Call To Order**

8 The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00pm by Park Board Vice-
9 Chairman K. Johnson with the following Board Members present: Charles Johnson, Peggy
10 Maurhoff, and Brandon Morris. Also present were Director of Parks and Recreation, Travis
11 Sales and Administrative Secretary, Wendy Young.

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13 **Open Forum**

14 Vice-Chairman K. Johnson explained how Open Forum is conducted and asked if anyone
15 in the audience would like to come forth and speak during this time. There being no one
16 wishing to speak, Vice-Chairman K. Johnson then closed the Open Forum.

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18 **Discuss and consider minutes from August 6, 2019 Park Board meeting and take any**
19 **action necessary.**

20 The minutes from the August 6, 2019 Park Board meeting were provided to the Board for
21 their review. C. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Morris seconded the
22 motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

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24 **Discuss and consider a reservation policy for the Harry Myers Park Pickeball Court**
25 **and take any action necessary.**

26 Mr. Sales stated that staff has been approached by an organization requesting to reserve the
27 Harry Myers Pickle Ball Courts for a special event. Staff discussed in detail during
28 planning and construction of an open play policy versus reservation policy. Staff decided
29 that an open play policy was what would best serve the needs of the citizens at that time
30 but wanted to open up to those people that play daily and had some input.

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32 **Mike Rasmussen**
33 **507 Park Place Blvd**
34 **Rockwall, Tx 75087**
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36 **Mr. Rasmussen stated that Rockwall is the only “free” pickleball court in the area.**
37 **He wouldn’t recommend reserving and paying on the internet. Consider the fact that**
38 **if we have reservations it would have to be more limited for open play.**

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40 **David Price**
41 **106 Northview Drive**
42 **Fate, Tx 75087**
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44 **Mr. Price explained that he is there every day, sometimes until dark with his family.**
45 **He thanked the City and noted that everyone got along and took turns as they should.**
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47 C. Johnson made a motion to leave the facility as open play. Maurhoff seconded the motion
48 which passed unanimously.

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50 **Discuss and consider food allergy signage at park sites and take any action necessary.**

51 Mr. Sales explained that staff has surveyed several surrounding cities over the last four
52 weeks asking the question if they currently have any signage informing patrons of food
53 allergy dangers, especially peanut allergies. All of the responses were no, but they thought
54 it was an interesting question. Staff is recommending that a first step could be a public
55 service campaign on our website and social media forums which may be a better alternative
56 at no cost. We also believe that the message would reach more end users, as many times
57 park signage is not read and / or ignored. Staff recommends that we begin honoring the
58 request with a public service campaign as described and monitor feedback to gauge its
59 success. In addition to this initial step, we recommend acquiring and installing one sign as
60 a test at a facility of the group's choice. Generally, Park Board was in favor of this social
61 media campaign. No action taken at this time.

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63 **Discuss and consider Pettinger Nature Preserve development October 2019 thru**
64 **February 2020 and take any action necessary.**

65 Mr. Sales stated that he has spoken with Wesley Pettinger to finalize plans and we have
66 come to an agreement based on the deed restrictions on how to proceed with the
67 development of the Pettinger Nature Preserve and educational area. This development
68 will include the following amenities:

- 69 • Plaque (as designated in deed restrictions)
- 70 • Sign (as designated in deed restrictions)
- 71 • Water line (for irrigation and drinking fountain) (in process)
- 72 • Drinking water fountain
- 73 • Butterfly garden with irrigation
- 74 • 1 mile trail (in process)
- 75 • 3yr to 5yr learning station
- 76 • Educational/Wildlife signage
- 77 • 10 space parking lot approximately 100' x 100' composed of gravel. This would
78 be completely enclosed in the Cedar tree area east of the main gate, so it is not
79 visible from the road.

80 No action taken at this time.

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82 **Discuss and consider the approval of a preliminary plat for the Emerson Farms**
83 **Subdivision containing 107 single family residential lots generally located on the east**
84 **side of Dowell Road south of the intersection of SH276 and Dowell Rd, and take any**
85 **action necessary.**

86 This has already been through P&Z since the meeting in September did not have a quorum.

87 No action taken at this time.

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92 **Discuss and consider approval of a site plan for a strip retail center and restaurant**
93 **located at the southwest corner of the intersection of the IH30 frontage road and**
94 **Sunset Ridge Dr and take any action necessary.**

95 Mr. Sales stated that this is a small public pocket park, but privately maintained within a
96 retail / restaurant area. The area is approximately 75' x 75' and an open space. Staff
97 recommends that the area has turfgrass and automatic irrigation system which are already
98 required by ordinance. In addition to these requirements, staff recommends that there be
99 additional landscape within the park, but not limited to trees, landscape beds, and annual
100 beds. Staff also recommends that a small play structure such as a climbing cube, benches,
101 and a picnic table be installed. This has already been through P&Z since the meeting in
102 September did not have a quorum. No action taken at this time.

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104 **Adjournment**

105 There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was
106 adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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108 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
109 TEXAS, this 3rd day of December 2019.

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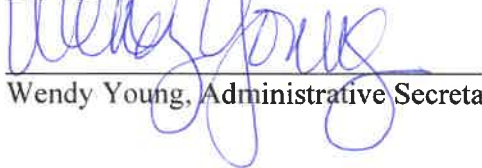
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ATTEST:


Wendy Young, Administrative Secretary


Kevin Johnson, Park Board Chairman