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**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**City Hall, 385 S Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087**  
**Wednesday, April 26, 2017**  
**6:00 PM**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00pm by Chairman Brad Bassett with the following Board Members present: Charles Johnson, Bob Lewis, Ray Harton, Jeremy Standifer, Wayne Larson and Larry Denny. Also present were Parks and Recreation Manager Andy Hesser, Administrative Secretary, Wendy Young, Parks Superintendent Mike Carmack and Recreation Superintendent Andrew Ainsworth.

**Open Forum**

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

**Consider approval of minutes from the March 7, 2017 Park Board meeting and take any action necessary.**

The minutes from the March 7, 2017 Park Board meeting were provided to the Board for their review and approval. Board Member Bassett made a motion to approve the minutes. Harton seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Discuss and consider 5 year master plan update on Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan and take any action necessary.**

Parks & Recreation Manager Andy Hesser explained some of the important items to look at tonight is implementation schedule, needs identified and the priority schedule. The timing of this plan coincides with the strategic initiatives that are reflected. This master plan is a component of the City Wide Comprehensive Plan. Hunter Rush with MHS Planning is going to provide updates. Mr. Rush stressed the importance of this update. Some of the accomplishments in the past 7-8 years is Gold Medal Award and Promotion and Marketing Excellence Award. In addition there were renovations of Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex, development of North Shore Park, construction of Phelps Lake trailhead, acquisition and development of Stone Creek, the design and construction documents of The Park at Breezy Hill and an all inclusive playground at Yellowjacket Park. Some of the highlights from the focus group were listing the top 3 priorities in the community. They were listed as 1. Athletic Fields, 2. Lakeside Park Development, 3. Recreation Center. There were about 50 people at the public input meeting and 99% of this meeting was positive. Board Member Standifer stated that the athletic fields were talked about more than anything. Board Member Larson added that he has been impressed with the frequency of the Eagle Scout Projects and asked if that was something that should be added to the accomplishments section to show some of the enhancements made at our existing facilities. Mr. Hesser explained that was a great point and we should also add all of our volunteers that help with other projects like the Monarch Pledge volunteers and others. Mr. Larson asked if citizen input should be retitled "citizen

47 engagement” or “citizen participation” and underneath summarize accomplishments like  
48 adding Eagle Scout photos, butterfly photos and volunteer photos since this would be a  
49 public document. After further discussion, Larson made a motion to recommend Council  
50 accept the master plan with a few changes to include moving item number 4 (athletic  
51 fields, etc), number 1 and all other facilities to drop down 1 below this and also revise the  
52 section regarding citizen input and change to citizen engagement and include boy scout  
53 contributions and contributions of citizens in a volunteer role. Johnson seconded the  
54 motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

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56 **Hear staff updates regarding programs, events and projects and take any action**  
57 **necessary**

58 Recreation Superintendent Andrew Ainsworth gave a brief update on upcoming events,  
59 activities, and programs. Founders Day is May 20 and Pat Green and Cory Morrow is  
60 headliner. Concert by the Lake starts next Thursday. There are new groups in the lineup.  
61 Family Fun Friday is this Friday, April 28 and Outdoor Family Campout is this weekend.  
62 Park Superintendent Mike Carmack gave an update. Hickory Ridge splash park is being  
63 resurfaced this week. The existing trellis at Myers will be taken down and replaced.

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65 **Adjournment**

66 There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was  
67 adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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69 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF  
70 ROCKWALL, TEXAS, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2017.

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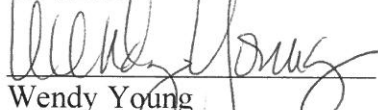
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ATTEST:

  
Wendy Young  
Administrative Secretary

  
Brad Bassett  
Chairman, Park Board