



## MINUTES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF CROSS ROADS

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: 1401 FM 424, CROSS ROADS, TEXAS

### 9. Roll Call.

- a. Paula Paus (Chair - Seat 6) – Here
- b. Stephanie Housewright (Vice Chair – Seat 1) – Here
- c. Dave Hancock (Secretary – Seat 3) – Absent
- d. Ron Zohfeld (Seat 2) – Here
- e. Erica Cook (Seat 5) – Here
- f. Eric Martinez (Alternate Seat 2) – Here – arrived 4 minutes late
- g. Damaris Combs (Seat 7) – Here
- h. (Seat 4) – vacant
- i. (Alternate Seat 1) – vacant

### 10. Citizen Input for Items ON and OFF the Agenda.

- a. Cynthia Faris – (Cyndi) – Pilot Point – site manager for meals on wheels - 972-838-3259  
On parks, library and cultural arts board, PP community opera house board, city center churches committee, friends of the library committee, and friends of the opera house committee
  - Goes to every PP city council meeting she can get it and tries to go to every event they put on
  - Holds fundraisers through the library
  - Site manager for meals on wheels in PP – they serve hot meals and when COVID hit they went to frozen meals 1 time a week in July 2022 – they reopened it at the community center next to the library and currently have 40 people on the rolls who receive hot meals – October 2023 – they started the congregate meal program at the senior center – PP reopened city center last year – Congregate meal is where seniors come together and have a meal together. They now have around 25-30 people who are signed up for the meals – average is between 7-12 people per day that they serve. Always needing drivers – route comes up to Fishtrap Road up to the Lake – Aubrey, Cross Roads, Pilot Point, areas
  - Little Elm site is the one who serves to the Cross Roads drivers
  - Cyndi is here looking for drivers to volunteer for meals on wheels
  - Loneliness is the biggest killer in our country

### 11. Announcements and Updates:

- a. Chair announcements
  - i. If you have set up a new email that you want us to use for contacting you – please let us know
  - ii. WinterFest was a hit – Santa/Grinch/Chick-fil-A Cow – decorating the ornaments was a big hit
  - iii. Vacancies on the board – ask them to fill out the volunteer form on the Town of Cross Roads website


- iv. Still looking for a Vice Chair to replace Stephanie – if interested let Paula know
  - v. Decorations removed from park from holidays and placed in storage unit
  - vi. Paula found water in the storage unit and reported it
- b. Board Member announcements
  - i. NONE
- c. Liaison announcements - Ron King not present
- 12. Consider and approve Board Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2023
  - a. Damaris motioned to approve
  - b. Ron 2nd
  - c. approved unanimously
- 13. Discussion with Kevin Roach plan for chainsaw carving of dead tree in park.
  - a. Kevin – you start off with ideas and see if the tree can yield the ideas – for example there may be some ideas that can't come to fruition however the tree in question is large enough for just about any ideas that come up
  - b. We could do a bench and he could provide another log to have a sculpture built on top of it
  - c. His process is to look at ideas and just go from there – he isn't a great drawing artist – Paula asked for 3 ideas to have available for the council retreat coming up
  - d. Able to incorporate some 2-d animals throughout the log – it's called a relief carving – not super deep
  - e. Concept that Kevin uses is the 3-D sculpture up top and do the relief 2-D pieces below
  - f. Kevin has asked for a list of ideas with a budget and could try to get everything in but there are always some pieces that don't fit
  - g. Ron King has asked if Paula/him/Kevin can meet – need to come up with a date and reach out
  - h. Kevin – would take at least 3 days to complete – depends on the design too
    - i. If we do a Bench – will need to be flat or another piece will need to be brought in
  - i. Scaffolding and design – will be in the cost
  - j. Doing big project for the city of Garland, a neighborhood that had a lot of trees die.
  - k. provided what he could do within the 20 ft. starting around \$10k determines about what is included
  - l. Includes painting and sealing it for the around \$10k price point could probably include the bench
  - m. Sealer included on it? – Question from Ron – Kevin recommends resealing once per year – when it starts to look dry – spray it with a pump sprayer
  - n. If we decide to keep the branches on – we can do some of the relief carvings and bolt them into the base so they are permanent – squirrel, hawk, etc.
  - o. Creative freedom – works best for Kevin – will have a couple of ideas to offer for the council to review at the upcoming retreat
- 14. Report and discuss Parks and Rec Board finances.
  - a. skipping over it
- 15. Discuss and take appropriate action replacing Vice-Chair – looking for anyone interested.
  - a. No takers
- 16. Subcommittees.
  - a. Farmers and Artisan Markets discuss and take appropriate actions for 2024 Markets.

- i. 380 Rotary Club Cinco de Mayo event May 4th 2024
- b. Maintenance and Landscape – discuss and take appropriate action pertaining to park maintenance.
  - i. Trees maintenance
  - ii. Park maintenance/watering - need to get a schedule together for Billy? Verify wi Kristi
  - iii. Gopher/Mole problem - Mr. Pitts came out and apparently trapped 5 more – Stephanie
- c. Park improvements – discuss and take appropriate actions on park improvement projects.
  - i. Bathroom building – progress updates
  - ii. Dumpster enclosure styles – bids
    - 1. Ron has 2 of the 3 bids – aiming to have all 3 to turn in for the council retreat to review
    - 2. one of the bid is all inclusive - another bid has the gate as separate and Ron has a bid on that which is separate –
  - iii. Playgrounds – 2 to 3 options with estimated cost intended to present to council for their decision.
- d. Events -- discuss and take appropriate action pertaining to park events.
  - i. Event schedule for 2024 and special events
    - 1. Eggstravaganza
      - Eric/Damaris/Stephanie
      - Get a flyer together and share with Eric and he can send out on the e-blasts and Oak Hill Ranch
      - Eric offered he son to play the Easter Bunny this year
    - 2. Justine – from Pilot Point – Water Color Class? Friend of Steve
    - 3. Damaris – Thistle is a 2nd hand art store that she has a relationship with
    - 4. April 20th - is town clean up date
    - 5. Summer Markets
      - a. Dunn Farming availability drives the markets
      - b. No September market – Founder’s Day
    - 6. Winter Fest
      - a. Steve Kilfoil is looking at a church contact he has to do caroling – he has also offered him and Maddy
  - e. Grants – discuss and take appropriate action pertaining to grants for park projects.
- 17. Request for future Agenda items for February Board meeting.

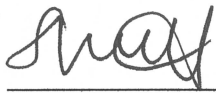
Adjourn – 7:21pm

Future Meetings and Events:

CONFIRMATION



Paula Paus, Chairman



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Stephanie Housewright, Vice-Chair



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Dave Hancock, Secretary