

Park Board Minutes  
February 1st, 2021  
Tennis Clubhouse  
5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by Jim Hogan, President.
  - a. Members Present: Anita Chappuie, Mark Coder, Todd Young, Molly Reynolds, Val Defever
  - b. Members not present: Mardie Long, Alex Moore, Alix Oreck
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 7, 2020 Meeting – A motion was made by Mark to approve the minutes and Todd made the second, motion carried.
  - b. January 4, 2021 Meeting - A motion was made by Anita to approve the minutes and Val seconded, motion carried
- III. New Business
  - a. Tree Planting on Oak Street - The pruning has to be rescheduled due to the poor weather conditions on Saturday. 3 new trees were planted today, and the park staff will have help in removing some of the old trees so that the curbs are not damaged in the process.
  - b. Food Distribution- Food distribution began again on January 26th and will continue every Tuesday until the funding runs out.
  - c. Painting Enclosed 4H building and repairing doorway - They have been working on this project for a year and finally have all the areas painted they can reach from the ground. They are finishing the higher areas with a scissor lift and repairing areas damaged from the removal of a partition.
  - d. Logan Fountain Repair - There are 2 breaker boxes not working. There is an electrician working on it to see if it is in fact just the breakers causing the lights to not come on or if some of the bulbs will need to be replaced once the breakers are working.
  - e. Bear Exhibit Upgrades - When they reinforced the fencing for the bears, they left the top unfinished because they knew they would have to raise the roof once the bears reached full height. The bears are now full height and have caused some damage to other areas of the fence just because of curiosity and their strength. Ironworks has been out to do some repair work and have given a quote for future work. The park department must receive 2 more bids for the work before they can pick one and get started.
  - f. Working with Greenbush Gifted Education for Project Based Learning - Angela has had one zoom interview with another one planned for Wednesday with students in the gifted education program. She is excited to spread information about zoology, science and veterinarian programs to get kids interested.

- g. Increasing Social Media Presence - Angela is trying to increase the social media presence of the park and zoo by putting out educational posts, fun posts and beginning a meet the staff Monday post.

IV. Old Business

- a. Every Infrastructure Meeting Update - The meeting was held last Monday and it was discussed that the park and zoo electrical is very dated and needs to be updated. Every has agreed to take over the electrical once a comprehensive plan is in place. All new zoo exhibits have their electrical underground in hopes that it will make the update easier. They are hoping to get other areas of the park and zoo lit better and add lights to the one way. This will have to be accomplished in phases so that no area has to go without electricity for too long.
- b. Hille Band Shell Project Underway - They have started digging the trenches needed to finish the project.
- c. Wayfinding Signs Update - The staff is going through all the signs one at a time and using Google earth to determine what they should look like and which direction they should face.
- d. ADA Kiddyland Update - They are looking at plans for a single bathroom for kiddyland. Angela looked into the prefab models, but they are too expensive so they may use the specs from another bathroom in the park and just scale them down. The bathrooms must be done before the sidewalks can be put in. Putting in the sidewalks will require attractions to be moved and the gorillas to be separated. Everything will be put back in before the project is finished.
- e. Lone Chief Fireplace Cover - The cover has been placed.
- f. AZA Accreditation Update - There are currently weekly meetings about this and new protocols are being written.
- g. City Staff and Mayor Park, Zoo and Cemetery Tour - Angela was able to take them on a tour to show them all the areas that need improvements. She felt it went well and really opened people's eyes to the needs.
- h. Groundskeeper Position - The Smalls that own Winklemans met with Angela to give her ideas on the wording for the job description. The write-up is now complete and should be posted soon to start taking applications
- i. Zoo Master Plan Board - They are hoping to set a meeting in March to take the master plan from a drawing to a written plan. They have the email from the architect but they need to get prices updated from the date the plan was originally created.

V. Staff & Committee Reports - None reported.

VI. Other Concerns of the Board - None reported.

VII. Upcoming & Past Activities

- a. 690 AM Radio Appearance 01/26 - Angela spoke with Lisa at the Chamber on the radio.
- b. The Daily Reporter Upcoming Feature - This may appear in Wednesday's paper.
- c. Lions Club Presentation - Angela will be presenting tomorrow night.
- d. Optimist Club Presentation - Angela will be presenting on February 23rd



- e. Park Opening Slated for April 10th- FORPAZ is planning a modified park opening that will still include free rides and maybe food trucks that can be spread out throughout the park. They are still considering other ways to modify the event.
- f. City Strategic Planning Session - The meeting was held to plan the focus of the city. The 4 areas they decided to focus on were: 1. IT problems and fixing the automated answering services, 2. Employee empowerment, 3. Infrastructure and getting plans in motion, and 4. Communication and making the city website more user friendly among other things.

VIII. Adjournment - Anita made the motion, Val seconded, motion carried.