

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING | March 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. Consider approval of February 6, 2019 meeting.

IV. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

At this time, any person may address the board, provided that an official 'Speaker's Request Form' has been submitted to the board secretary prior to the start of the meeting. All comments must be directed towards the Chair, rather than individual Board members or staff. All speakers must limit their comments to the subject matter as listed on the 'Speaker's Request Form.' No formal action can be taken nor discussion held regarding these items.

V. REGULAR ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider upcoming events.
B. KYA introduce T3 company to board
C. Discuss and consider PRB presentation at February 19, 2019 City Council meeting.

VI. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In addition to specific matters listed below, the City Council may receive reports about items of community interest, including but not limited to recognition of individual officials, citizens, or departments, information regarding holiday schedules, and upcoming or attended events.

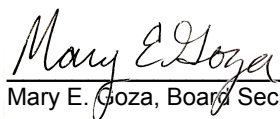
- A. Update board - Meeting with landowner adjacent to Sonora Park.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Mary E. Goza, Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: March 6, 2019

Agenda Item No: MINUTES APPROVAL - A.

I. Subject:

Consider approval of February 6, 2019 meeting.

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

Approve

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes REGULAR MEETING February 6, 2019

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Deaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Phil Wallace, Jeff Nevarez, David Deaver, Michael Chandler **Absent:** Gary Swan, Josh Hayes, Donald Spikes

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

Consider approval of minutes from December 5, 2018 regular meeting. **Motion to:** Approve December 5, 2018 minutes **Action:** Approve. **Moved By:** M. Chandler, **Seconded:** P. Wallace
Motion Passed Unanimously

IV. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

V. REGULAR ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider KYA
 - a. Members of the KYA, including the KYA board president Eric Ryals, attended the meeting to discuss the future of the KYA and the condition of the City of Kennedale's baseball fields and structures.
 - i. E. Ryals stated that this year is a big transition year for KYA. Because of the condition of the baseball fields KYA is playing at Arlington Southwest. The kids are still signing up through the KYA website but KYA is then signing them up on the Arlington Southwest website. He also stated that KYA has a new baseball commissioner Jason Welch, he heads Arlington Southwest. The \$5 per child fee will still be paid this year and the fields will still be utilized for practice. KYA will still maintain the fields. E. Ryals then asked if anyone on the board had any questions or concerns. J. Nevarez stated that he felt the board had a good idea of what the problems with the fields are but he was interested in hearing what KYA would list as the deficiencies.
 - ii. The KYA members have been frustrated by multiple thefts of their equipment that have occurred over the past couple of years. They have lost a significant amount of money due to these thefts; they estimated that they have lost \$8,000 worth of equipment and items.
 - iii. The KYA members stated that the City of Kennedale baseball fields are unusable in their current condition. The fields are not level, the scoreboards don't work, the lighting needs to be improved and the fields need to be fenced and locked to be secured. If the City cannot do anything to improve the condition of the facilities then the KYA will have no choice but to disband and the youth in Kennedale who want to play baseball will have to go to Arlington or Mansfield to use their fields.
 - iv. The KYA members understood that some improvements may have to be done

several years down the road due to monetary constraints but they also insisted that something must be done in the next year to bring the fields to a playable condition or they will be forced to go elsewhere.

- b. The Park board members agreed that the fields were in poor condition and stated that getting the fields to a usable condition is a priority for them.
 - c. E. Ryals stated that KYA has a partnership with a select baseball group. T3 Tribe is their name; they are an outfit out of Arlington. T3 has stated that they could do field maintenance that would at least get the fields up to playing conditions. In return they would want to be able to use the fields for practice and have tournaments. A group of KYA representatives have met with T3 and E. Ryals stated that he had a good feeling about them. The Park board members agreed that the T3 group could attend the Park Board meeting next month to present their ideas to the board.
 - d. D. Deaver asked E. Ryals where the KYA football practice was happening, in the past they have practiced on the baseball fields. E. Ryals stated that they are practicing in the front of Sonora Park. E. Ryals agreed with D. Deaver that football practice cannot happen on the baseball fields because it tears up the fields. Other KYA members stated that they have to practice on the fields in the winter because that was the only place that had lights so they could practice after dark.
- B. Discuss and consider KKB board request to plant milkweed along the fence at Sonora Park as part of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge
- a. The board members had no objections. M. Chandler stated that it is a type of flowering milkweed.
- C. Discuss and consider upcoming events
- a. Upcoming events were noted; Kidfish/Bark in the Park/National Kids to Park Day May 18th, Concert in the Park in October.
 - b. J. Nevarez asked when the Sonora pond was being stocked. L. Hoover stated that the State should be stocking the pond the 23rd. J. Nevarez requested that L. Hoover email him. It was stated that pond stocking information can be found on the Texas Wildlife website.
- D. Discuss and select Bond Projects from the Park Master Plan
- a. L. Hoover presented a power point with information needed for the board members to decide what they felt should be the top Park priorities.
 - b. The top priorities the Board selected were all in relation to the baseball fields at Sonora Park. They are:
 - i. Security Measures- lighting, fencing, WiFi security cameras, and gates
 - ii. Storage Building- Theft/Vandal-Resistant (for dual use by KYA and the City) to safely store the equipment necessary for regular field maintenance and game preparations
 - iii. Field Refurbishment- One-time professional
 - iv. Additional Staff Member- certified and/or trained in sports field turf maintenance or funding for a year-round contract for services.

VI. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

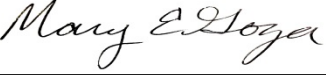
Motion to: Adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm **Action:** Adjourn. **Moved By:** Jeff Nevarez **Seconded:** Michael Chandler **Motion Passed** Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm

Approved:

David Deaver, Chairman

Attest:



Mary Goza, Park Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: March 6, 2019

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - A.

I. Subject:

Discuss and consider upcoming events.

II. Originated by:

Larry Hoover, Public Works Superintendent

III. Summary:

- > Kid Fish/Bark in the Park - May 18th
- > Concert in the Park

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: March 6, 2019

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - B.

I. Subject:

KYA introduce T3 company to board

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: March 6, 2019

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - C.

I. Subject:

Discuss and consider PRB presentation at February 19, 2019 City Council meeting.

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

David and Larry give a follow up report to the board of the presentation to City Counsel.

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

1.	PRB presentation Staff Report	PRB presentation Staff Report.pdf
2.	2019.02.19_Park Projects_CouncilPresentation (2)	2019.02.19_Park Projects_CouncilPresentation (2).pptx



Date: February 19, 2019

Agenda Item No: WORK SESSION - A.

I. Subject:

Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Board's program, budget, and funding goals and objectives – *Requested by Joplin/Lee*

II. Originated by:

Larry Hoover, Public Works Superintendent

III. Summary:

As requested by Council, the Parks and Recreation Board reviewed more than 20 potential park improvements and repairs during their February 6 meeting. At this time, Chair David Deaver will give a brief presentation of those projects identified by the Board as recommended for funding consideration by the City Council.

The projects focus on the baseball fields and related facilities as staff and the Board desire to provide facilities that are in a condition that would allow the Kennedale Youth Association (KYA) to continue to provide a local recreation opportunity to our youth by practicing and playing there.

Due to ongoing theft and vandalism of the Kennedale Ballfields during recent years, KYA – a volunteer league that has offered programs including football, baseball, and cheerleading for more than 50 years – has suffered the loss of almost all of the equipment required to conduct games and maintain the fields. Because the organization does not currently have the funds necessary to replace those items, beginning this year, KYA baseball teams will be practicing at the ballfields at Sonora Park, but playing at the Arlington Southwest Baseball Fields at Martin Luther King Jr. Sports Center off of Eden Road.

The Parks Board proposes to update the fields, secure the facilities, and provide the staffing necessary to bring these fields up to a playable condition as soon as possible and to provide for the ongoing maintenance necessary for KYA to be able to continue to play baseball here in Kennedale.

The following items are those identified by the Parks Board as recommended for funding to remedy this situation, and are listed in order of priority:

- **Security Measures:** lighting, fencing, cameras, and gates
- Theft/Vandal-resistant **storage building** (for dual use by KYA and the City) to safely store the equipment necessary for regular field maintenance and game preparations
- One-time professional **field refurbishment**
- Additional **staff member** that is certified and/or trained in sports field turf maintenance or funding for a year-round contract for these services

Total costs are not available at this time as staff is in the process of obtaining estimates and identifying funding sources. One item not addressed above is the damage caused by KYA playing football on these baseball fields. Because there is not an established football facility locally, they currently practice in Sonora Park (on the New Hope Road side) and play either in the outfield of the baseball fields or at stadiums outside of Kennedale.

IV. Fiscal Impact Summary:



Park Projects

Recommended for Funding

by the Parks and Recreation Board

Presented to the City Council
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

City of
KENNEDALE.
Texas
EST. 1887

YOU'RE HERE  YOUR HOME

Prioritized Recommendations

- **SECURITY MEASURES**: lighting, fencing, WiFi security cameras, and gates
- Theft/Vandal-Resistant **STORAGE BUILDING** for dual use by KYA and the City) to safely store the equipment necessary for regular field maintenance and game preparations
- One-time professional **FIELD REFURBISHMENT**
- Additional **STAFF MEMBER** certified and/or trained in sports field turf maintenance or funding for a year-round contract for services

Ballfield Lighting

The background image shows a baseball field with a dirt infield and grass outfield. A chain-link fence runs across the middle ground. Behind the fence is a green concession stand with a dark roof. Two tall stadium light poles with multiple lamps are visible, one on the left and one on the right. The sky is overcast.

\$16,887.70 (KEISER ELECTRIC)

Estimated cost to replace existing lights with 150 watt LEDs and to separate the electrical panels for the lights from the concession stand
KYA also requests lights for football practice on the pond side of Sonora

Safety Lighting for Parks & Trails

- Security, Trails, and Parking
- Electric or Solar?
- Uniformity throughout the City
- How much light? Density?

Storage Building

A photograph of a white storage building with a dark, gabled roof. The building has a large glass door with a black frame and a small wooden deck leading to it. A security light is mounted on the roof. The building is situated on a grassy area with trees in the background.

\$100,000 – 120,000
(NEW CONSTRUCTION)

LESS THAN \$5000
(STEEL CONTAINER)

Frequently damaged by
thieves; A more secure
building might allow
for rentals of fields

WiFi Enabled Security Cameras

PROPOSED UPDATES

- Spectrum WiFi installed at Concession Stand
- KYA Volunteer will connect the cameras to WiFi
- Additional cameras or lighting may be needed
- Additional Fencing to enclose the fields?
- Parking lot gate/restricted access?
- Timed access/staff managed?



Field Refurbishment

A photograph of a sports field, likely a baseball or softball field, with a scoreboard visible in the background. The field is mostly green grass, but there are large patches of bare, light-colored soil, particularly on the right side, indicating a need for refurbishment. The background shows a line of trees under a clear blue sky.

ESTIMATE NOT YET OBTAINED

One-time professional field refurbishment; Additional staff member certified and/or trained in sports field turf maintenance or funding for a year-round contract for services