

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 6:00pm.**  
**CenterPoint Energy Community Center**  
**7001 Fifth Street, Bellaire, TX 77401**

1. **Call To Order:** by Sharon Veldman at 6:06pm  
Attendance: *Board:* Sharon Veldman, Joan Gee, Kevin Sisk,  
Denise Leisten, Lisa Lim  
*Council Liaison:* Gus Pappas  
*Parks & Rec Department:* Karl Miller, Ryan Smith, Heysel Zepeda, Grant Haynes  
*Visitors:* None
2. **Announcement of a Quorum** by Sharon Veldman at 6:06pm
3. **Introduction of Ryan Smith, Recreation Superintendent and Grant Haynes, Administrative Assistant**
  - Karl Miller introduced new Recreation Superintendent, Ryan Smith, and new Administrative Assistant, Grant Haynes.
  - Board members introduced themselves and welcomed Ryan Smith and Grant Haynes.
4. **Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2018**
  - Sharon motioned to table the minutes from February 21, 2018 until next month's board meeting, scheduled for April 18, 2018.
5. **Public Comments**
  - No public comments.
6. **Reports**
  - a.) **Reports from Other Boards, Commissions and Committees**
    - Sharon Veldman reported that Patrons is preparing to kick-off Wine and Tapas and encouraged board members to attend and invite friends and family. She also mentioned Party at the Pavilion featuring Bayou Roux is taking place on April 6, and The Bellaire Trolley Run is on April 14.
  - b.) **Reports from Council Liaison**
    - Gus Pappas reported that City Council received feedback regarding the revamping of Spruce Street behind the new H-E-B, which include the addition of trees and accessible parking spaces. Mr. Pappas also reported that City Council approved the verbal identity and graphics at last month's City Council Meeting on March 5, 2018.
  - c.) **Reports from City Staff**
    - Karl Miller provided an overview of the department's monthly report highlighting the following:
      - The Aquatics and Recreation Department are now hiring Lifeguards and all summer staff positions. Positions are available on the City website.
      - Several Staff members attended the Annual Texas Parks & Recreation (TRAPS) State Conference in Waco.

- Spring leisure classes and programs are open for registration and will run through the end of May.
- The Aquatics Supervisor attended the annual Texas Public Pool Conference in Conroe, TX on January 29 – February 2.
- Safe Slide Restoration provided minor repairs and painted the slide at the Bellaire Family Aquatic Center and a painting contractor is scheduled to paint the play features in April.
- Working with Patrons to replace a bench in Loftin Park with a new bench and plaque as part of the Park Tribute Program.
- Parks Crew completed park inspection and clean up at Driscoll Park that included bench and granite gravel work, replaced some signage enhanced drain.
- Installed Little Free Library at Evelyn's Park.

**7. Discussion regarding progress of the Parks sub-committee as related to the selection of playground amenities utilizing the Capital Improvement Funds allocated for playgrounds and shade shelters**

- Sharon Veldman stated that the sub-committee met on March 9 to discuss presenting new playground amenities at Wine and Tapas as funds raised at Wine and Tapas are dedicated to pocket and community park enhancements. Sub committee will meet in April and make presentation to the Parks Board at a later meeting.

**8. Board Members Comments and Announcements**

- Lisa Lim expressed concern regarding the lack of lighting and a slippery ramp at Feld Park.
- Kevin Sisk proposed the idea of selling the naming rights to certain parks and structures as a fundraiser.

**9. Adjournment** – Denise Leisten motioned to adjourn, Kevin Sisk seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Grant Haynes**

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**April 18, 2018: Next Meeting**