



NOTICE OF A MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 – 12:00 NOON
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
BRENHAM MUNICIPAL BUILDING
200 WEST VULCAN STREET
BRENHAM, TEXAS 77833

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Citizen/Visitor Comments
3. Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2009 and the September 2, 2009 Meetings. 1-5
4. Presentation by Kristopher Bartels Regarding Vision for a Future Fitness Cluster at Hohlt Park. 6
5. Discuss and Possibly Act upon Approval of a Location for Construction of an All Sports Building at Hohlt Park. 7-9
6. Discuss and Possibly Act upon Revisions to Chapter 19, Parks and Recreation, of the City of Brenham Code of Ordinances. 10-15
7. Parks Update 16
 - Greenwade Project
 - Finke Pavilion
 - Rankin Field
8. Recreation Update 17-19
 - Summer 2009 Aquatic Center attendance
 - Kid Fish
 - Brenham State School
 - Competition Pool usage
 - Clean Sweep week
 - Tournament Schedule

Adjourn

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the September 9, 2009 agenda of items to be considered by the PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD was posted to the City Hall bulletin board at 200 W. Vulcan, Brenham, Texas on September 4, 2009 at 10:00 Am Pm.

Kim Hodde

Kim Hodde, Administrative Assistant



**PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

A meeting of the **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** was held on **JULY 8, 2009**, beginning at **NOON** at **2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 200 W. VULCAN STREET, BRENHAM, TEXAS 77833**.

Members Present: Kenneth Goessler, Jim Baker, Bill Betts, Bob Haberman, Pam Hohlt, Cecil Meekins, Ed Muehsler and Jeff Tilley

Others Present: Doug Baker, Crystal Dahlquist, Lin Hartstack, Keith Herring, Kim Hodde, Jamie Maurer, Casey Redman, Terry Roberts, and Dorothy Utesch

Media Present: Arthur Hahn, Frank Wagner

1. Chairman Goessler called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm
2. Citizen/Visitor Comments were: No citizen comments
3. A motion was made by Bill Betts and seconded by Ed Muehsler to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2009 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Discuss and Possibly Act upon a Request to Ban Alcohol from all Areas of Hohlt Park except the Pavilion/Park Area beyond Pflughaupt Field

Jeff Tilley discussed the issue of alcohol consumption in the parking lot during and after Little League games. People drink and then sometimes get rowdy and/or loud with the umpires, players and coaches. Kenneth Goessler stated that he had talked with Chief Rex Phelps and he said that the Brenham Police Department will cooperate but they have not had any calls regarding this issue. Ed Muehsler stated that he had the same problem when he was Little League Director.

Jeff Tilley stated that he has been a Little League Board Member for 4 years and President of the League for 2 years and has been looking at this issue through his eyes – he sees this every night. Also, people come into Brenham from out of town and have commented on the alcohol consumption. Jeff stated that when he has confronted the persons who are consuming the alcohol in the parking lot, they have told him that it is a City Park and that the Little League cannot do anything about it. Jeff said that parents may drink for hours then put the kids into the car and drive them home – he is concerned about their safety as well. He said that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had previously said that this is a Little League issue and the Little League believes that it is a City issue since the City owns the Park. There is not a problem with drinking on the field or in the vicinity because signs are posted and people adhere to the signs but in the parking lot and the grassy area there are no signs posted.

6. Parks Report

- BCDC Budget Funding for 2008-09 Projects:
 1. Jackson Street Tennis Court Repairs - \$15,000
 2. Purchase property at Henderson Park - \$15,000
 3. Skate Park Addition - \$30,000 (should be completed next week)

- BCDC Budget Funding for 2009-10 Projects:
 1. Greenwade Field Conversion - \$105,000
 - a. Playground
 - b. Walkways
 - c. Fencing
 - d. Possible removal of concession stand at Greenwade

- New All Sports Building – meeting room, office space, storage space, and restrooms

- Projects in Progress
 1. Driveway at Fireman's Park Kitchen is finished
 2. New Sign at Linda Anderson Park
 3. Installation of gutters on Finke Pavilion
 4. BBQ Pit and cover and Fireman's Park (may seek BCDC funding)

- Washington County ASA will start a new league this fall using Fink & Korthauer Fields

- Washington County Youth Football will be moving to Hohlt Park starting this fall on Saturdays using Field #1 and Kenjura Field. The league donated a scoreboard, bleachers, and \$5,000 towards the All Sports Building.

- Brenham Christian Academy Football will be moving to Field #1

- Rankin Field, Field #2, and Field #4 will be available for Soccer

Chairman Goessler informed the Board that Chief Phelps told him that he had instructed his officers to go by Hohlt Park and check the lights at night. He asked that Lin Hartstack provide him a map showing where all the light switches are.

Jeff Tilley gave kudos to the Parks Department and commented on how good Hohlt Park looks.

7. Recreation Update

- Aquatic Center visits for June are up from 2008 but exact numbers are not currently available. National Aquatics Week is July 13th-17th and the Aquatic Center has various events planned for the week including a Battle of the Bands Thursday night for teens.



**PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

A special meeting of the PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD was held on SEPTEMBER 2, 2009, beginning at 6 PM at HOHLT PARK – SOUTH PARKING LOT, 2425 N. PARK STREET, BRENHAM, TEXAS 77833.

Members Present: Kenneth Goessler, Bill Betts, Delbert Boeker, Bob Haberman, Pam Hohlt, Ed Muehsler and Jeff Tilley

Others Present: Doug Baker, Crystal Dahlquist, Lin Hartstack, Kim Hodde, and Dwayne Gajeske

Media Present: None

1. Chairman Goessler called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. Citizen/Visitor Comments were: No citizen comments
3. Discuss Possible Locations for Construction of an All-Sports Building at Hohlt Park

Doug Baker informed the Board that he and Lin Hartstack had looked at various locations at Hohlt Park for construction of an All Sports building. After looking at the positive and negatives of each site, it was decided that the area to the west side of the south parking lot would be the best site. Doug explained the pros and cons of each site to the board and stated that Constantine Barbu drew up a conceptual sketch of the interior of the building. Once a site is decided upon, then the architect can move forward with the process. The building would face east with a deck facing to the north. Due to the beautiful trees and topography, this site would be more desirable for development instead of use as a parking lot.

Dwayne Gajeske commented that parking is an issue when the Jr. High football team is playing. He stated that the buses take up 20-30 spaces in the middle parking lot so people park in the grass at this proposed site. It was suggested that this problem could be alleviated by having the buses drop the players off then park at the top of the hill instead of in the middle parking lot nearest the field of play. It was the consensus of the board that this was a good idea.

A motion was made by Jeff Tilley and seconded by Bill Betts to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.



Kim L. Hodde, Board Secretary

Approved: _____

Memo

To: Parks Board Members
From: Lin Hartstack, Parks Dept. Superintendent
Date: September 3, 2009
Re: All Sports Building at Hohlt Park

The location for construction of an all sports building was discussed at the Boards work session on 9/2/09. During this work session, Doug Baker discussed various possible locations at Hohlt Park for the building and gave the positives and negatives for each site. After much work and discussion among staff and others, erecting the building at the west end of the south parking lot became the most reasonable and favorable location. We would like your approval of this site so that we may move forward on this project. Any further discussion would be welcome.



LITTLE LEAGUE BLDG

1" = 20'-0"

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Chapter 19

PARKS AND RECREATION

Sec. 19-1. Park Hours.

All public parks, belonging to the city shall be available for use by the public between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. of each day of the week; provided, however, that arrangements may be made in advance with the Parks Superintendent or City Manager for extended hours.

(Ord. of 5-8-72, § 1; Ord. of 4-16-74, § 1)

Sec. 19-2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board--Purpose.

The City of Brenham Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is created to assist the City of Brenham and the Brenham City Council in the planning and operation of all parks and recreational facilities with the ultimate goal being to provide the best service possible to the citizens of the city. This purpose is to include review and monitoring of existing operations, making recommendations regarding fee schedules for all parks and recreational facilities, considering ways to better utilize the existing facilities, and to provide plans for future development of the city's parks and recreational facilities.

(Ord. of 5-12-88, § 1; Ord. of 12-20-01)

Sec. 19-3. Same--Scope and membership.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of at least nine (9) members the majority of which reside within the city limits of the City of Brenham and who shall be appointed to staggered two-year terms by the city council. All terms will be for two (2) years ending in December of each calendar year. The Director of Public Works or some other city official may be designated by the City Manager as an ex-officio member of the Board. Upon the death, resignation, removal or expiration of the term of office of any member, the Mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint a successor.

The scope of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's authority will be advisory. All actions, regarding policies, procedures, and/or fee schedules, taken by the Board shall be presented to the city council for final approval. Six (6) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(Ord. of 5-12-88, § 1; Ord. of 12-20-01)

Sec. 19-6. Use of certain municipal ballfields.

- a) *Access regulated.* It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, (except city employees) to access a municipally owned ball field while said ball field is closed by the posting of a sign by the Parks Superintendent and/or the City Manager, or his designee.

(Ord. of 12-1-94)

Prohibition of Bicycling, Skating and Scooting. (Ordinance No. O-06-009 was adopted on August 3, 2006; however, it only applied to Chapter 17, Article VIII.)

a) Definitions:

- 1) "*Bicycle*" shall mean to ride or propel a device commonly known as a bicycle, unicycle, tricycle or similar non-motorized device.
- 2) "*City*" shall mean the duly incorporated municipality of the City of Brenham, Texas.
- 3) "*Council*" or "*City Council*" shall mean the governing body of the City of Brenham.
- 4) "*Person*" shall mean an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.
- 5) "*Scoot*" shall mean to ride or propel a device commonly known as a scooter, with a deck designed to allow a person to stand or sit while operating the device, and includes such a device whether powered by electricity, gas, human or other power.
- 6) "*Skate*" shall mean to ride or propel a device commonly known as roller skates, roller blades, skateboard or similar non-motorized device.
- 7) "*Hohlt Park*" as used herein is defined to and shall mean the area defined and identified as Hohlt Park in the City of Brenham, Texas.
- 8) "*Fireman's Park*" as used herein is defined to and shall mean the area defined and identified in the Exhibit "B", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.
- 9) "*Downtown Area*" as used herein is defined to and shall mean the area more specifically defined and identified in the Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

b) Prohibitions:

- 1) It shall be unlawful for any person to scoot or skate within Hohlt Park, a portion of Fireman's Park, and on public property and right of way, including but not limited to sidewalks, in the Downtown Area at any time.

Concessions and Selling of Merchandise, Food or Services.

- a) The City shall be the sole provider for concessions in Hohlt Park, Linda Anderson Park, and the baseball fields in Fireman's Park. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell or offer for sale any food items without permission from the Parks and Recreation Department and also obtaining a permit from the city's Health Inspector.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any goods, wares, services or merchandise within any park or recreational facility without permission from the Parks and Recreation Department. See also Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances.

Payment of Fees.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or enter upon any swimming pool, or other park or recreation facilities for which a fee is charged, without first having paid said fee.

Destruction of Park Property.

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, tear down, remove, destroy or injure in any manner whatsoever or to cause to be defaced, torn down, destroyed or injured in any manner whatsoever any fence, building, furniture, seat, sign, structure, excavation, post, bracket, lamp, awning, fireplug, hydrant, water pipe, tree, shrub, plant, flower, railing, bridge, backstop, goalpost, culvert or any other property whatsoever belonging to the city in, at or upon any of the parks owned or controlled by the city.
- b) No person shall pick or take away from any park premises any vegetation or drive vehicles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, etc. off the paved roads, unless given specific permission by the Director of Public Works.

Memo

To: Parks Advisory Board
From: Jamie Maurer, Recreation Superintendent
Date: 09/03/2009
Re: Update

Summer 2009 is coming to a close. Labor Day weekend is the last official weekend for the Leisure Pool to be open. Over all it has been a great summer. I will have attendance numbers for the summer as well as the fiscal year available at the next meeting.

Kid Fish will be held Saturday, October 24th

We are working with Brenham State School so that they can start bringing over some of their clients on a weekly basis.

Competition pool use is UP!

- Brenham High School Swim Team – swimming 2 times a day
- Brenham Swim Club (25-40 swimmers)
- Brenham High School Athletes – cross country, volleyball, rehab athletes
- Blinn athletes – baseball and volleyball
- AquaJogger
- We are seeing new lap swimmers every week. It is not unusual for all lanes to be full with lap swimmers – now if they would only share lanes.

The Aquatic Center will be closed September 21st – 27th for our annual Clean Sweep week. We will be draining the competition pool to patch a few spots where plaster has cracked. The plaster project is under warranty.

We have a busy tournament schedule this fall. I have attached a copy of the field bookings.

November

	7th & 8th	BCTT Bluebonnet Sports	BB Tournament BB Tournament	LA 3/4 LA, ST, C, P, B
***	14th & 15th	BGSA Texas Proline	Softball BB Tournament	Fink & Korth All
	21st & 22nd	City of Brenham BGSA Bluebonnet Sports	SB Tournament SB Tournament BB Tournament	S, VD, F, K Fink & Korth LA, ST, C, P, B
***	28th & 29th	Texas Proline	BB Tournament	All

December

	5th & 6th	BGSA	Softball	F, K, Schw, & VD
***	12th & 13th	Texas Proline	BB Tournament	All
	19th & 20th	OPEN		
	26th & 27th	OPEN		

Changes



- Washington County Fair
- High School Tournaments
- Field Maintenance
- Texas ASA State Tournaments
- Little League
- Brenham Girls Softball Alliance
- WC Youth Football League
- Blinn College

* Fireman's NOT AVAILABLE until June! (High School)
 *Schulte NOT AVAILABLE until mid-March! (High School)