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**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087**  
**February 3, 2015**  
**6:00 PM**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00pm by Chairman Brad Bassett with the following Board Members present: Bob Lewis, Charles Johnson, Wayne Larson, Kevin Moffatt and Ray Harton. Board Member Larry Denny was absent. Also present were Parks and Recreation Manager Andy Hesser, Administrative Secretary Wendy Young and Recreation Superintendent, Andrew Ainsworth.

**Consider approval of the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Park Board meeting and take any action necessary.**

The minutes from the January 6, 2015 Park Board meeting were provided to the Board for their review and approval. Board Member Charles Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Brad Bassett seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0 (1 absent, Denny).

**Discuss and consider final Eagle Scout Project presentation by Austin Corey and take any action necessary.**

Parks & Recreation Manager Andy Hesser explained introduced Austin Corey to the Board and stated that Park Board approved this project in October 2014. This project consisted of coordinating with DORBA (Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association) to design and construct an elevated TTF (Technical Trail Feature) on the Squabble Creek Mountain Bike Trail. TTF's are essentially man-made structures and obstacles that add challenge and skill features to a natural trail. TTF's may include wooden berms, humps, log-over obstacles, teeter-totters, elevated deck feature, ramps, etc. TTF's are permitted in the latest amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and DORBA. Mr. Corey's TTF involved a series of wooden berms and elevated wooden trail. A sign will be installed that states the feature's difficulty level and that it is for "experienced riders only... ride at your own risk." This feature is off of the main trail so that it is not required that you enter the feature. Mr. Hesser then introduced Austin Corey to come forth. Mr. Corey went over his final product and showed photos. He had 21 volunteers come and help during the project and in total spent 281.75 man (volunteer) hours on the site. There were a total of 325 boards (181 tread boards, 120 support boards and 24 posts). The total cost of the project was \$1076.93 with \$800 of that being donations from friends, family and Lowe's. All Park Board members expressed their appreciation and gratitude and felt this was a great feature that would add to the trail. Park Board Member Bob Lewis made a motion to approve this final Eagle Scout Project. Park Board Member Charles Johnson seconded the motion and passed by a vote of 6-0 (1 absent, Denny).

46 **Discuss and consider Somerset Park master plat/open space plan and take any**  
47 **action necessary.**

48 Mr. Hesser presented some history. Somerset Park is located within Park District #12 at  
49 the corner of SH 205 and FM 549. It has 309 lots on 139.3 acres. The developer is  
50 proposing 38.7 acres of private park and open space to be maintained by the HOA.  
51 Proposed within the park is an amenity center, playground equipment and trail.  
52 According to the developer's plans, the park land and amenities would be maintained by  
53 the HOA and open to the public. However, the amenity center would be for  
54 neighborhood residents only. In accordance with the Mandatory Park Land Dedication  
55 Ordinance, the developer would typically be responsible for the pro-rata equipment fees  
56 and the time of the final plat. The developer is requesting that the trail and playground  
57 amenities be credited toward the pro-rata equipment fees. Since the park land would be  
58 private and maintained by the HOA, the developer has also requested to pay the cash in  
59 lieu of land fees. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Mater Plan also includes a trail  
60 master plan. That plan shows a trail section running along the west side of FM 549 or the  
61 east side of the proposed development as well as along FM 549 or the south side of  
62 Somerset Park. Park Board Member Bob Lewis made a motion to accept the Somerset  
63 Park master plan and open space plan and in accordance with the Mandatory Park Land  
64 Dedication Ordinance the developer would be responsible for the pro-rata equipment fees  
65 at the time of final plat with the trail and playground amenities being credited toward the  
66 pro-rata equipment fees. Also, phasing of the trail construction from FM 549 on the  
67 south to a northern connection to the property adjacent to the north of the development as  
68 well as connections to the parcel west of Somerset Park. Board Member Harton  
69 seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0 (1 absent, Denny).

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71 **Discuss and consider Somerset Park preliminary plat and take any action necessary.**

72 Mr. Hesser explained that Somerset Park is located within Park District #12 at the corner  
73 of SH 205 and FM 549. Mr. Christopher Orr with Arcadia came forth and explained the  
74 features and amenities. He explained that the trail would be accessible to the public. The  
75 playground would be accessible to the public but would be HOA maintained. After some  
76 discussion Park Board Member Brad Bassett made a motion to accept the Somerset Park  
77 preliminary plat located within park district 12 at the corner of SH 205 and FM 549 with  
78 309 lots on 139.3 acres with the following conditions:

- 79 • Show location of proposed playground and trail route.
- 80 • Trail shall be a minimum of 8' wide concrete. Where 8' concrete is not possible,  
81 6' wide will be acceptable in front of homes.
- 82 • Playground equipment shall meet or exceed all ASTM and CPSC playground  
83 safety guidelines for design, installation, fall zones and maintenance.
- 84 • Cash-in-lieu of land fees shall be paid at the time of final plat for each phase.
- 85 • Plat should indicate that all private park and open space and playground is to be  
86 maintained by the HOA and that the trails and playground shall remain open to  
87 the public.
- 88 • Developer must provide proof that trail and playground amenity costs meet or  
89 exceed the required pro-rata equipment fees at the time of final pat in accordance  
90 with the Mandatory Park Land Dedication Ordinance.

91 Park Board Member Kevin Moffatt seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0 (1  
92 absent, Denny).

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94 **Update on City Council and Park Board joint work session and take any action**  
95 **necessary.**

96 Board Chairman Bassett went over the discussion regarding work session. No action  
97 taken at this time.

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99 **Hear staff presentation on current marketing practices and take any action**  
100 **necessary.**

101 Mr. Hesser presented a brief powerpoint that showed all marketing practices Parks &  
102 Recreation has used over the years and how marketing has evolved such as social media,  
103 advertising on cups, pens, sunglasses, etc. The Board generally discussed appointing  
104 members to a marketing sub-committee to discuss marketing ideas going forward. Those  
105 members include Bob Lewis, Wayne Larson and Kevin Moffatt. No action taken at this  
106 time.


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108 **Staff updates on upcoming programs and events and take any action necessary.**

109 Phelps Lake Ribbon Cutting will be on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10:30am. All  
110 necessary paperwork was submitted for the batting cages at Leon Tuttle and that is in the  
111 works. The new restroom has been installed at Tuttle, parking lot has been repaved, and  
112 fence surrounding has been installed. Daddy Daughter Dance will be on January 31,  
113 2015 at The Hilton. ROCK Camp will be March 2-March 6. The Easter Egg Hunt is  
114 March 27, 2015.

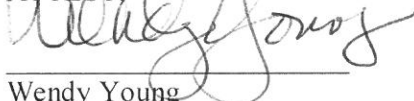
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116 **Adjournment**

117 There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was  
118 adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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120 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF  
121 ROCKWALL, TEXAS, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

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125 Brad Bassett  
Chairman, Park Board

126 ATTEST;

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129 Wendy Young  
130 Administrative Secretary