



**PARK & RECREATION MEETING  
Minutes of June 6, 2012**

The Park and Recreation Board met at the Alexandria Community Park on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Jeremy Toy, Chair	Present
Pam Proctor	Present
Cathy Combs	Present
Rebecca Reese	Present
Steve Hamberg	Present

Jeremy Toy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Cathy Combs made a motion to approve the May 2, 2012 minutes, seconded by Pam Proctor. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

Tom Baynum, Bishop Brossart High School Girls Soft Ball Coach  
Sam Trapp, Director of Alexandria Public Works  
Bill Rachford, Mayor

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bishop Brossart use of park baseball field – The board reviewed the answers to questions submitted previously to the school about the arrangement. All questions were answered. The board discussed the impact the team use of the field would have on the rest of the community's use of the park.
  - Parking - The fifteen home field games will bring more vehicles to the park than we currently have spaces for, causing congestion and safety issues in the surrounding neighborhood
  - Green space – The four-foot outfield fence will eliminate the only large open green space in the park and preclude use of that area for other large park events.
  - Citizen priority – The dedication of this space to one specific organization favors them over the entire tax-paying community who uses the park.

The board voted and recommended that the city reject the proposal. Mayor Rachford said he would still recommend the project and would present it to City Council on June 7. Jeremy asked if the park board would still have any say in the project, should it take place and the mayor confirmed the board would be included.

- Parking lot expansions – The upper lot expansion is complete and came in within the current fiscal year budget. The board discussed with Sam the cost to widen the lower lot and agreed to pursue that expansion as well (see Budget below).
- Master Plan – Jeremy will update.
- Disk Golf – tabled
- Budget – Cathy Combs reported that the year-to-date expenditures are \$5,188. The outstanding invoices will bring the 2011-12 FY expenditures to \$19,809. The amount of remaining funds, including income from two events and our previous checking account is \$3482. The board discussed using the funds for three action items:

- o \$1,400 to widen lower parking lot. Jeremy will discuss with Sam
- o \$1,500 to retain landscape architect Martin Koepke to design a master landscape design for the park. Pam will contact Martin.
- o \$150 to purchase garbage bag rings for trash cans and one additional lid
- o \$500 to repair Woodland Trail at either end—drainage issue near lower dam and washout at far end of the lake.

Jeremy made a motion to approve these expenditures, seconded by Pam. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0.

- Fishing Derby – Cathy Combs reported that 102 children participated and that all of the T-shirts were distributed. All board members who attended expressed that it was a very successful event. Recommendations for next year were discussed.
  - o Invite someone from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to participate
  - o Find out if the DFW will stock bass in the lake
  - o In order to protect the fish, provide buckets for the children to use to bring the fish up to be measured

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Agenda items for next meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Jeremy Toy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cathy Combs. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Attested to and submitted by:

*Pam Proctor*  
 Pam Proctor, Secretary

*Jeremy Toy*  
 Jeremy Toy, Chairperson

Dated *July 11, 2012*

Dated *7/11/2012*