



**CITY OF DENISON  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Commission Chair Charlie Means called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. Commissioners present were Charlie Means, Vincent Rhodes, Joel Luper, Jimmy Cravens, and Ryan Cassell. Staff present were Justin Eastwood, Director of Parks and Recreation; Virginia Cantrell, Management Assistant of Parks and Recreation; Chip Egger, Parks Administrative Superintendent, and Bud Neal, Parks Services Supervisor.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No requests to speak cards were turned in by this point in the meeting. Therefore, no public comments were received.

**3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take action on approving the Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held on November 2, 2023.

Commission Action

On motion by Commissioner Cassell, seconded by Commissioner Cravens, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held on November 2, 2023.

- B. Receive a report and hold a discussion on fiscal year 23/24 Denison On Ice season summary.

Commission Action

Justin Eastwood, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a report, explaining Denison on Ice had a record year in attendance, with over 10,000 skaters and over 2,000 spectators. 34 states, 2 countries, and 1 district were represented from visitors. Recreation staff held 13 special events, including themed nights, skating with princesses, and appreciation nights. Denison on Ice expenses equaled \$241,891, and revenue equaled \$134,860. Commission and staff discussed if Denison on Ice will continue next year and possibly moving locations.

- C. Receive a report and hold a discussion on the THF Park spring activities.

Commission Action

Justin Eastwood, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a report, outlining the spring events, including 8 sports tournaments, 27 regularly ongoing programs, 28 events (including Denison on Ice), and 3 spring leagues. Commission Chair Charlie Means questioned the status of Waterloo Pool and the upcoming repairs. Mr. Eastwood explained that the new contract agreement with Brannon

Corp would be going to City Council on the following Monday, and there have been slight delays in starting the construction, but pool operations have not been significantly impacted at this point.

- D. Receive a report and hold a discussion on recreation marketing guides and leaflets and Senior Center activities.

Commission Action

Justin Eastwood, Director of Parks and Recreation, shared the new Parks and Recreation Spring Recreation Guide that outlines the upcoming events and gives information about parks and staff.

- E. Receive a report and hold a discussion on fiscal year 23/24 projects.

Commission Action

Justin Eastwood, Director of Parks and Recreation, shared information about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier installed at Katy Plaza, which is the only one of its kind in the area. He then gave an update on the Katy Trail project, the new provisional crossing, and the new statues. Moving on to Waterloo Lake Regional Park, Mr. Eastwood shared that the Backyard has had new additional features installed—a foosball table, 2 chess tables, 1 additional cornhole game, and a seating area with a grill. The Waterloo Pond fountain is once again operational, and the pond is rated in the top 5 in amount of rainbow trout stocked in Texas public waters during the winter season and rated number 1, based on community size, with number of events in conjunction with stockings. Katy Soccer Fields have seen improvements in lighting, goals, drinking fountains installed, enhanced irrigation, and parking improvements. Munson Disc Golf improvements have been completed, and 2.5 miles of soft surface trails have been added at Munson Park. Munson Sports project will include a college-size basketball court, a youth soccer field with benches and lights, and more amenities. THF Parking project is going back to City Council for RFPs to get a new contractor. The Pre-emergent Program is going into year 2; this will save money by killing weeds and requiring less mowing. Mr. Eastwood then discussed the new park maintenance equipment the team has been able to utilize and the updated storage facilities. Mr. Eastwood briefly discussed the projects at the cemetery and the library.

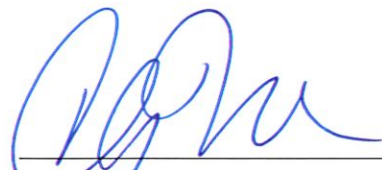
Commission Chair Charlie Means asked the status of putting lights at the pickleball courts at Waterloo Lake Regional Park. Chip Egger, Parks Administrative Superintendent, explained the maintenance team has been meeting with contractors, and the project will be completed at the same time as the fence around the pickleball court and the project is projected to be completed by early May.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.

ATTEST

  
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Virginia Cantrell, Management Assistant  
Parks & Recreation

  
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Charlie Means, Chairman