

**CITY OF FARMERSVILLE  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

The Farmersville Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on December 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Suzie Gruzendorf, Kim Potter, Miranda Martin and Cathy Strong. City Manager Ben White, Parks Board Council Liaison Diane Piwko and City Staff member Christi Dowdy were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of the Chairman, Miranda Martin called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm, and City Staff member Christi Dowdy called the roll announcing that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kim Potter moved to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2016 meeting, and the motion was seconded by Suzie Gruzendorf. The motion passed all in favor.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPCOMING PROJECTS AT J.W. SPAIN ATHLETIC COMPLEX AND THE COLLIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT**

The Board was briefed by City Manager Ben White regarding the Collin County Open Space Grant. The City was seeking a \$150,000 grant with matching funds of \$150,000 for much-needed projects at the Athletic Complex. However, the County only awarded a \$50,000 grant with a \$50,000 match. The Board was given information regarding the project plan for the complex and it was agreed that since the grant was cut considerably, that the parking issue should be addressed initially. Cathy Strong moved to begin with the parking area and address ADA compliancy and the motion was seconded by Kim Potter. Motion passed all in favor.

**BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Ben White briefed the Board regarding various projects including a) the downtown Christmas lights, b) completion of the railroad crossing, c) new signs and lights around school crosswalks, d) exercise stations on the Chaparral Trail, and e) completion of the slide project in the City Park.

**DISCUSSION OF CONCERT NIGHTS IN THE PARK**

Another discussion regarding concert nights in the City Park was held. Items discussed included: a) using talent from the Collin County Community College music program and paying \$200 per performance which will go towards scholarships, b) holding the concert nights during the months of June, July and August, c) using a trailer for the stage, d) possibility of concessions or food trucks. Mayor Piwko will have the exact cost of the performers and what groups are available at the next meeting.

### **DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDA**

The Board wishes to discuss the concert nights in more detail as well as the Halff & Associates project plans.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by Vice Chairman Miranda Martin.

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Miranda Martin, Vice Chairman