

FARMERSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Minutes

November 1, 2010

6:00 P.M. City Hall

The Parks and Recreation Board (Board) met at City Hall at 6:00 PM. The doors were locked. At 6:04 the Board drove to the Spain Athletic Complex where Russell Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Board Members Russell Chandler, Alicia Wisdom, Betty Sergent and Mark Vincent were present. Guests included Cammie Chandler, Councilman Jim Foy, Mayor Joe Helmberger, Marvin Smith and Appointee-elect Angie Rios.

Board Member Marianne Politz was not in attendance.

No one was available from the City to swear in Appointee-elect Rios.

There were no minutes from previous meetings available to review and approve.

The following is a summary of comments / concerns mentioned by the various Board members at the Spain Athletic Complex:

- \$8,000.00 is available for improvements/repairs from the FEDC this year. The City did not budget any money for Parks this fiscal year.
- The Spain Athletic Complex attracts huge numbers of visitors to Farmersville each year and people leave with an overall impression of the City based on what they see at the complex.
- The cleanliness of the facility leaves a lot to be desired. Steps have been taken to get the Little Leagues (both baseball and football) to keep the facility clean.
- It is the City's responsibility to keep the complex clean during the off season and the Little League's responsibility the rest of the year.
- The fields are not being maintained. There is no set mowing schedule.
- Improvements needed for the women's restroom include tiling the floor, installing air blowers for drying hands and adding toilet paper dispensers.
- Improvements needed for the men's restroom include ventilation, new partition and a means to lock the door.
- A partition wall (much like the one at the high school football stand restrooms) needs to be added outside the doors to keep people from having the ability to look straight into the restrooms.
- An increased police presence is needed to stop the vandalism that occurs almost weekly.
- Bleachers are unsafe and not structurally sound. They all need repairs and they need the ends closed up to stop kids from getting hurt when they run into them.
- Security lights need to be added (especially in the outfield) to stop kids from gathering at night.
- Normal maintenance needs to be scheduled – weeds in cracks, trash and overgrown grass are prevalent.

- The need for a perimeter fence was discussed. It would help to hold down the recurring vandalism.
- Fields 4 and 5 are not used as game fields because of their condition. They are still mostly used as practice fields.
- The City has stopped participating in the Super Series. Little League is considering picking it up but the present condition of the complex will not allow it.
- Security cameras should be installed so as to catch the vandals.
- Marvin Smith provided a handout that had the following needs listed:
 - Replace all batting cage netting
 - Place chain link fence in front of dugouts on Field 1
 - Install new toilets and dividers in the restrooms
 - Fix chain link fence around Fields 1 and 2
 - Fix dugout storage rooms so bases, cleanout tools, rakes and other maintenance items can be stored in them.
 - Install new countertops and sink in concession stand
 - Install partition in front of restrooms
 - Repaint concession stand
 - Build bullpens on both sides of Field 1
 - Install screen netting over concession area

Discussion of Soccer facilities followed. The Board would like to see permanent goals installed at one of the play areas along Farmersville Parkway. The Little League has two permanent goals that could be moved and installed.

Discussion of the Splash Pad followed. The Board would like to see a pavilion or awning constructed to provide shade for parents who are watching their children play at the Splash Pad. They would also like to see the gazebo be made ADA compliant.

The Board did not return to City Hall and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.