

**CITY OF FARMERSVILLE
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2013**

The Farmersville Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on October 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Chairman Mark Vincent, Glenn Bagwill, Autumn Barton and Tom Waitschies. City Manager Ben White, Council Liaison Russell Chandler, and staff member Christi Dowdy were also present. Visitors included Wade Young, Greg Barber, Wes Morrow, Fire Chief Kim Morris, and other representatives from the Boy Scouts.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and roll was called by Christi Dowdy who announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Waitschies to approve minutes from the September 17, 2013 meeting and a second was made by Autumn Barton. Motion passed all in favor.

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION FROM WADE YOUNG REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A FIRE RING ON THE CHAPARRAL TRAIL

Eagle Scout Wade Young of Troop 310 in Farmersville spoke to the Board regarding a service project that he would like to complete. Mr. Young told the Board that the project must show leadership, planning, and budgeting, and is the final step in order for him to become a Life Scout.

The project would consist of an 18" tall fire ring which is 8' in diameter and 1' thick and will be placed 100 yards before the 3 mile marker. Limestone blocks would like the perimeter. Three benches would be placed around the fire pit which Mr. Young states would be more like an outdoor fireplace. Ben White advised that grant money would soon be available for park benches along the trail. He stated that three of the benches could be moved to the fire ring and replaced along the trail as funds become available.

The Board brought up several concerns including vandalism and safety issues. Fire Chief Kim Morris suggested that the fire ring have a cover and locking mechanism and a permitting process be implemented to ensure safety.

A motion was made by Mark Vincent to allow Mr. Young to move forward with the project, but must submit drawings to the City Manager reflecting the cover and locking mechanism. The motion was seconded by Glenn Bagwill, and passed all in favor.

Autumn Barton addressed Mr. Young by stating that she was very impressed with his presentation and commended him for his accomplishments.

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION FROM WES MORROW REGARDING TREE TAGGING PROJECT ON CHAPARRAL TRAIL

Wes Morrow, who lives along the Chaparral Trail presented a tree tagging project which he would like to implement between mile markers 2.5 and 3.5. Mr. Morrow is very active on the trail and has already begun a tree identification and tagging program on his property.

Several different variations of tags were presented to the Board, and Mr. Morrow added that he has had very good luck with vinyl signs attached with zip ties. City Manager Ben White stated that he feels better about the project since it is limited to a small area along the trail, and signs will not be placed on the entire trail area which will keep it in its natural state.

Mr. Morrow, who is a volunteer for the Heard Museum in McKinney, would like to see educational tours and hikes become a part of the area with school groups.

A motion was made by Glenn Bagwill to allow Mr. Morrow to pursue his project from the 2.5 to the 3.5 mile markers of the trail. The motion was seconded by Tom Waitschies and passed all in favor.

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON CENTRAL ADOPT-A-SPOT SIGN DESIGN AND LOCATION

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON CHAPARRAL TRAIL KIOSK DESIGN

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

The central Adopt-A-Spot sign design and location as well as the Chaparral Trail Kiosk design will be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. by Mark Vincent.

Mark Vincent, Chairperson