

# Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	Bryan Belisle, Victoria Biehn, Mark Cermak Ginny Mae Davis, Mike Shepard
MEMBERS ABSENT	Bill Ganzlin, Anastacia Davis,
STAFF PRESENT	Mark Meyer, Paul Kauppi and Andy Wietecki
VISITORS	
NOTE TAKER	Mark Meyer

## AGENDA TOPICS

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from January 17, 2019 was moved by Ginny Mae Davis and seconded by Bryan Belisle. Motion carried.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the February 21, 2019 agenda was moved by Ginny Mae Davis and seconded by Victoria Biehn. Motion carried.

### 4. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Introductions of committee members and welcomed newest member Mark Cermak.

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Last month Bryan talked about the tables at the Boardwalk Commons being too tall and should be cut down so they will fit better with the chairs. Andy Wietecki reported that he would lower the tables by cutting about one inch off the legs.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Gary Schroeher, Environmental Advisory Commission Chair

Guest speaker, Gary Schroeher, talked about bringing pollinator friendly plantings into our parks to help with the declining population of butterflies. Gary will be at the Environmental Fair at the last Marketfest. He also talked about trying to bring more recycling to the downtown district with different garbage and recycling containers. Gary works with VLAMO to help with programs for cleaner water.

Andy reported that the City's flower program is chemical free so that would not impact pollinator insects.

**b) Arbor Day - May 4, 2019**

Andy reported on past Arbor Day projects that includes spreading wood chips at Lakewood Hills Frisbee Golf Course and picking up trash. Bryan Belisle suggested that the City concentrate more on buckthorn control in some of our City's parks instead of planting trees. There will be more talks to come.

**7. OTHER STAFF REPORTS**

Andy recently updated the city's Turf Management Program. This program sets the foundation on how we care for the turf in City parks to minimize chemical applications. The program outlines how we keep up the same level of quality turf by aeration, irrigation, frequent mowing and slit seeding.

**8. COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ginny asked if the City has a garden club to help maintain some of the gardens around town. City staff reported that at this time the City does not have any such program in place.

Gary directed another question to City staff about the City's adopt a park program. The language was just updated and an application form was added to the City's website; however, at this point we do not have any volunteers.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Park Commission, the meeting was adjourned. Moved by Bryan Belisle and seconded by Mark Cermak and Mike Shepard.