



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD-CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
MEETING MINUTES

The Parks & Recreation board met for a monthly meeting on October 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center.

**Members Present:** Dick Haayen, Joanie Jones, Matthew Compton, Latecia Hendricks, Martin Phillips, Joseph Christian, Paula Moore

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Patrick McCage, Zenia Cruz

**Guests Present:** Kelli Walker, Jeff “Mo” Threadgill, Jessica Pence, Susan Kleven

### **ACTION**

New members who were appointed by Mayor Tommy Moore were given the Oath of Office and provided with Board Training information. Board members have 90 days to complete Board training. A quorum was present.

The First item was to approve January 26, 2017 minutes. Dick Haayen made the motion to accept as presented by Patrick McCage and Joe Christian second the motion. Passed with unanimous consent.

The next item on Agenda was to elect a Parks and Recreation Board chairperson. Martin Phillips and Dick Haayen both volunteered to be nominated to the chair. The Board voted and approved Martin Phillips as chairman of Parks and Recreation Board.

Recognition of Citizens with Non-Agenda items- None

### **DISCUSSION**

Topics that members discussed pertained to aging park equipment, current budgeted dollars for capital improvements this year, opportunities to utilize hot funds, and partnering possibilities with the Government of Cooke County.

Dick Haayan asked if the board still had access to the Community Parks 501C3 foundation and Patrick indicated it is still active and available for future projects. Latecia stated this foundation was very helpful with her project in B.P. Douglas Park.

Paula Moore discussed the desire to improve interactive equipment for special needs residents.

Joe Christian discussed improving and expanding the walking trail system throughout the city with emphasis on improving lighting. Latecia Hendricks added that in addition to walking trails, exercise equipment could be added along the way.

Members discussed and brought to the attention of the Park Director maintenance needs. Some of these were Edison Park basketball lighting and bench height on the walking trail.

Members discussed our current recreational leagues hosted by the Parks and Recreation department and the need to bring back more opportunities for active adults.

Martin Phillips asked if we could obtain current demographics for Gainesville and expressed a desire to review cities of our size and their budgets. Martin expressed a desire to identify our target audience we serve. Paula indicated that GISD prepared a study however, this was several years ago.

Goals and objectives were touched on however, members wanted to discuss goals and objectives at the next scheduled meeting.

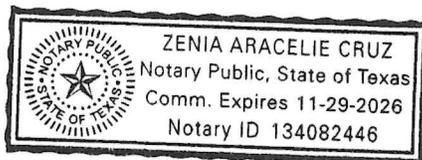
Board members decided to schedule the next Parks Board meeting for November 7, 6 PM at the Gainesville Civic Center.

## ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, October 24, 2023

Zenia Cruz  
Administrative Assistant  
Parks and Recreation Department



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Phillips", written over a horizontal line.

Martin Phillips  
Chairman

Date