

ROLL CALL:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present		Present
Shane Staker	X	Rich Stout	X	Erin Laughlin	X		
Kristin Rood	X	Erin Monaghan	ABS	Adam Kofoed	ABS		
Jenna Maxson	X	Brian Alatalo	X				
Adrienne Howard	ABS						

VOTING**AGENDA ITEM****FOLLOW-UP
ACTION**

Motion to approve by: Maxson	Approve 4.23.26 meeting minutes.	Approved with a vocal Aye from all
Second: Rood		Members.
Roll call: AYES NAYS		
Staker		
Rood		
Maxson		
Howard		
Stout		
Monaghan		
Alatalo		

Communications/Open Forums

None

Staff Updates

Slow pitch has four teams, the past two years have had six. The tournament is open for teams to sign up for just that event.

Mural Park mock-up was provided by Play-Pro and was reviewed. Consensus was that the space wasn't the right fit for musical play features or playground features but more climbing features that would have a dual purpose as seating. Logs, rocks, and bears were common themes. We want to keep in mind the use of the space for inflatables during Hometown Days, carriage rides during Christmas Past, and a stopping point along the Hoover Nature Trail. Discussed opportunities for future musical performances and bringing in sod. Privacy fence is budgeted for this current fiscal year which can be made into additional mural space. Staker mentioned a tree growing out of the creek along the College Street bridge that obstructs pedestrian and traffic views when exiting the Hoover Nature Trail, this needs brought to Public Works attention if it is city property.

The Lion's Club has set September 26 from 11-2 as the ribbon cutting for their new pickleball courts and the community is invited.

Rood asked if we were doing pumpkin painting at Fall Fest again which we are. She suggested a craft having to do with the Minions and Monsters movie.

New Business

This spring I was asked to take on girls travel basketball which was previously run by parents. They will provide balls and uniforms so we will take on registration, coordination and they will do the Lone Tree league like the boys.

Recently as well as over the past few years the idea of a community garden has been brought up to the department. Maxson says her initial idea is that it sounds like so much more goes into it that it sounds like. Alatalo suggested putting it in the East hills of the library by the bus barn, behind the outfield of field 2 at Cubby Park, South of the pond at Cubby Park, or Wapsi Park. Staker preferred keeping open green space at Wapsi for the nearby tenants to use that don't have yards. It was discussed having a few locations eventually and flowers as well as fruits and vegetables. It was discussed how to keep the beds in good shape, setting and regulating rules, possibly having a group or club that monitored or ran them. Overall, it seems raised beds were preferred rather than gardens on the ground. The group liked the idea of having raised beds around Mural Park because it would have a lot of traffic to keep vandalism minimalized and to put a cap on them in the winter to turn them into benches.

A Zumba instructor has reached out about teaching classes through the department starting this fall or winter to replace the senior fitness class.

Comments from Park & Recreation Commission and staff

Maxson asked about Line Dancing which has started reserving again but is not through Parks and Rec.

Rood asked about flag football registration numbers and they are higher than last years numbers with a few days to go yet.

Maxson asked how we felt Hoover-Ball went and numbers and results were good. Data showed about 700 people at the exhibition game. The youth tournament was cut short due to weather but there were still a lot of games held. The adult tournament had teams from 3 other states.

MOTION TO ADJOURN	Rood
SECOND	Maxson
ADJOURN TIME	8:28 PM