



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Parks and Recreation Board**  
108 W. Broadway St., Prosper, Texas  
Town of Prosper Municipal Chambers  
Thursday, February 8, 2018, 6:00 pm

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call.**

The meeting was called to order by Rick McGrath, Chair, at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Rick McGrath, Chair; Rebekah Land, Vice Chair; Gina Kern, Secretary; Amy Bartley and Stephen Thomas.

John Metcalf and Chuck Smith were absent.

Staff members present: Dudley Raymond, Director of Parks and Recreation; Matt Furr, Parks Supervisor; Julie Shivers, Recreation Services Coordinator; and Patty Kendzie, Senior Administrative Assistant.

**Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes from the January 11, 2018, Parks and Recreation Board meeting.**

Motion to approve by Thomas, second by Kern. Approved 5-0.

**Comments by the Public.**

There were no comments by the public.

**2. Consider and act upon a possible property swap with Prosper Partner LP for property at The Parks at Legacy subdivision.**

Raymond showed the graphic of the properties near Legacy and Fishtrap showing the property swaps requested by Prosper ISD. The footprint shows the shape of the school property, which is different from what the subdivision would have been, as the school was not included in the original agreement. The Town comes out a bit ahead in acreage, it's more of an in-kind swap. The trades account for less than .3 acres and will help the ISD facilitate construction of an elementary school, will help residents access the school; and will add parking to the park.

Raymond said from a planning standpoint, there are no issues or red flags. From a parks standpoint, plenty of room remains for a playground (same as the other elementary schools) and there are no outstanding issues. Land asked if staff has issues with the land swap and Raymond said there is nothing that can't be worked through. The request has been through preliminary application, planning and development.

Thomas asked about the level of formality associated with the process. Raymond said the process begins with a pre-development meeting with planning staff and meeting minutes are generated that go back to the property owner. Then the formal application is submitted with plans. They are refined and issues are addressed.

Raymond said there has been give and take on this project and the developer has gone a bit above and beyond the requirements. The developer is standing up to its agreements.

Thomas expressed concern about the short time frame given to contemplate a decision. McGrath said this is the standard school layout.

Motion to approve by Land, second by Kern. Approved 5-0.

**3. Update from staff regarding the youth sports historical registration numbers and the need for future athletic facilities.**

Raymond described the youth sports registration numbers, showing charts and projections about future participants, time slots and available fields for recreational sports. He said the spreadsheet is considered a tool to help with projections.

Bartley asked staff's opinion on capping registration and about non-resident registration. She said kids in Prosper ISD learn to play sports together. Raymond said for now, registration cannot be limited only to Prosper residents. Yet, moving forward, it will be tough to ask residents to pay Town taxes to support the kids from surrounding communities to play in Prosper. Second and third high schools will change tradition and attitudes about kids playing sports together through high school graduation. At some point, Celina will have to build a facility to accommodate their residents.

Kern said it appears there are enough fields for all to play and asked how to communicate that. Raymond said there are enough fields for traditional practice and play, yet a set of standard needs to be agreed to by all. He has encouraged the PYSC to determine that. He said it is not prudent to build enough facilities so that all can practice in the premier time slots.

Raymond said the synthetic fields will be mostly youth sports, with excess capacity rolling back to the Town to rent. Synthetic fields will not be rented to non-residents.

McGrath said to remember some of the leagues cap registration, so it may not be known how many kids are not getting a chance to play. He said increasing rates for non-members has been discussed by the Parks and Recreation Board. Raymond said the goal is for the gap to start to close within five years.

The Board thanked Raymond for the presentation.

#### **4. Informational items**

##### **a. Recreation Update**

Shivers said the January Community Workout went well. About 100 residents attended. The last workout will be March 3, 2018, at Windsong Park. The Prosper Fishing Derby is coming up on February 24, 2018. Sponsors have donated numerous prizes. There will be no registration this year. The Grand Opening of Frontier Park North will be February 25, 2018, at 1:30 pm. Spring recreational classes are beginning: soccer and tennis. Adult Men's Softball games begin March 18, 2018. Archery begins in March, as well.

Shivers told the Board Prosper is behind by 160,000 points in the IT'S TIME TEXAS Community Challenge. Lancaster is in first place and Prosper is second. They have more school participation, yet PISD has sent out an email asking for teacher participation. She described what it will take to make up the difference and showed the Board ways to earn points.

##### **b. Park Development Update**

Raymond showed the aerial of Frontier Park North and said the project is nearing completion, with a few things left to be buttoned up. He also showed photos of progress on the Windsong Ranch 4B hike and bike trail.

##### **c. Park Operations Update**

Furr said soccer practice has started. Baseball begins March 19, 2018; lacrosse has already started. Girls lacrosse is now at Eagles Landing Park.

#### **5. Discussion regarding any miscellaneous business or items to be placed on future Agendas.**

There was no discussion.

#### **6. Adjourn.**

Motion by Thomas, second by Land. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Approved 5-0.



Gina Kern, Secretary