

Park Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting of February 14, 2024

PLACE	NAME	P/A	PLACE	NAME	P/A
1	Angela Lewallen	P	6	*Blake Wyne	P
2	Elizabeth Flores	P	7	John Brooks	P
3	Chery Brennan	P	8	Jim Domer	P
4	Chris Crawford	A	9	Elaine Borchardt	P
5	Julia Sykes	A			

A. Call Meeting to Order and Announce Quorum is Present:

The February Park Board Meeting was called to order by Blake Wyne, Park Board Chair at 6:01 p.m.

B. Visitors: 4

Blake: Speakers must address their comments to the Chairperson rather than to individual Board members or staff. Speakers should speak clearly and state their name and address prior to beginning their remarks. Speakers will be allowed 5 minutes for testimony. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks may be removed from the meeting. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistlers, yells, clapping, and similar demonstrations will not be permitted.

Representatives of Cricket Club: We have been in communication with PARD. Our organization has been around for 15 years, and we're interested in promoting/expanding the sport here. (Provided examples of representation/history in the area). It's getting bigger: the Cricket Association is made up of 15-16 clubs with 4-5 teams each. We play wherever fields are available. We also have a Coaching Academy – participants learn the rules of the sport so they can lead and cultivate players. In promoting/expanding the sport in Lewisville, we specifically want to offer the sport at the HS level, and to women. There is a lot of interest. We are requesting PARD's help with getting a designated field in Lewisville. Thank you.

Stacie clarified that John Brooks is not allowed to respond to the visitors, per bylaws.

C. Approval of Park Board Minutes:

Blake motioned to approve the Park Board Minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by John and the vote was unanimous.

D. New business:

- a. Sports Field Study Findings Review – Marcus Gallegos & Bryan, Principal @ Pros Consulting
- John: Regarding the Cricket program – the question is: do [Lewisville residents] want another major sport? I believe the answer is yes, if [Lewisville residents] want to be involved in an international sport. We need to work with schools and the Cricket Association to train up the Physical Education programs in schools, so they start teaching the basics of the game to kids. When that happens, demand will increase. I don't believe there are many people in Lewisville that are aware of the sport at this point. National and regional competitions should work with PARD to put on those tournaments in our parks.

This would raise awareness of the program. I believe it's not about where to host the sport, it's about driving interest toward the sport.

- Stacie: We're scheduling presentations to the Park Board for the remainder of the year, where sports organizations will come and present on their offerings. Our Cricket partners will be included. Please respond to the Cricket group in the Spring when they present.
- John: I already challenged them to organize an event to raise awareness.
- Jim: Are we using any of our fields for this? Not sure what size they need, maybe they can be converted?
- Marcus: At Lake Park, it's strictly soccer and baseball.
- Erika: But our current fields have been converted for Lacrosse tournaments, for example.
- John: What about space within LLELA?
- Stacie: The Corps will not allow that. We have some options outside of LLELA and that are part of the recommendations from Pros. Unfortunately, the topography of that land isn't fit for sports fields. A concept had been created (Master Plan) and that isn't what the Corps really wants to do with the space, so that recommendation might not get approved by the Corps.
- Bryan: Yes, our recommendation is based on several areas.
- Angela: My sons have to play soccer in Coppell where there are lights at night. I'm excited about using our fields better, and the fact that you touched on informal fields. Are we talking about putting infrastructure at LL Woods and Memorial Park or adding timer lights like at the tennis courts?
- Marcus: Yes, those kinds of touches are exactly what we're talking about. Specifically, the lights are expensive so that will be a bit of a fight. We've considered a small field in the middle of Wayne Frady.
- Stacie: Where we can create informal fields, the topography is a big factor. It's never going to be a practice/game field so how do we apply the resources appropriately? LL Woods and Wayne Frady are both in the middle of neighborhoods so the impact on those homeowners is a big part of adding any infrastructure. We are already beholden to some agreements regarding not hosting games at certain times. We have to overcome LISD's fear of things getting overrun and balance that with providing access.
- Elizabeth asked for clarification with the presentations from the sports leagues. She also stated she thinks we can do better with access.
- Elizabeth: Consider church land – many are level and some even have lighting. Can agreements be created with them? I'm sick of Flower Mound – they're the only nearby option and they're overrun and so competitive to use. I've run into all of the issues you identified in the sports leagues and I'm hoping for better. Glad to see that this is being discussed and I'd like to see improvement and a priority/urgency here.
- Angela: Relocating fields from Lake Park to Railroad Park – would any fields be left at Lake Park? What are your recommendations? With Railroad Park not being in a neighborhood, are informal fields there a part of your recommendations?
- Bryan: Land acquisition recommendations are tough – we can't get too specific with recommendations. But we recommend the soccer assets (in 3-5 years) be relocated. Then there is an opportunity to adapt the space that is no longer being used in that way. Maybe practice space will be what the acquisition is focused on. The City has always done a great job maintaining the fields. Thank you for that and for your time.

b. Child Care Standards Ordinance Updates – Erika Tang

- Elaine: Is there going to be a scholarship program?
- Erika: In our last cycle of our LEAF newsletter, we put out a sneak peek. Next cycle will have the application. Funding comes from the Park Alliance. I'll probably do a presentation on that at some point.
- Blake: Suggesting Active Shooter training. LISD/DPS are signing up for classes now so we want to be on top of that.
- Elaine: And training for fire drills?
- Erika: Yes, we have those.
- John: Are we allowing CPS-managed kids to be part of the program?
- Erika: Registration is open to the public.
- John: I think this needs to be bounced off CPS because I think these kids need that kind of programming.
- Marcus: The scholarship program will probably help.
- Elaine: What are your disciplinary solutions?
- Erika: Before camp, some parents tell us about special accommodations and solutions for issues. Sometimes parents won't tell us and we figure out quickly. But there's training for the staff and they have redirection strategies and other avenues for addressing those issues.
- Stacie: Looking for signs of child abuse is our gateway into connecting folks with the child welfare programs.
 - c. Park Board consideration to participate in Keep Lewisville Beautiful's Adopt a Spot Program – Stacie Anaya
- Blake: One of the main issues is choosing a spot that works for everyone and how involved we want to be. It can be as simple as litter pick-up up to pollinator gardens, horticulture. That discussion needs to be had.
- Chery: Was Glory Park one? That would be good because we've been in this from day one.
- Stacie: Not yet, but it can be.
- John: what does KLB stand for?
- Stacie: Keep Lewisville Beautiful
- Blake: Can you speak any further on Glory Park as an option, Marcus?
- Marcus: It's not a big area. But pickups of the creek around the corner would be helpful.
- Stacie: We're trying to do outreach, engage residents. Another way to spend the time out there is communicating with the residents. Creek cleanups will probably be needed as well.
- Angela: I like Glory Park for the possibilities for public outreach. We can add a pollinative garden but really, there is not a lot of physical work with such a small area. But the potential for outreach is powerful.
- Blake: Can we vote on that?
- Elaine: Are there any more high-need areas?
- Stacie: Vista Ridge needs help/love. But there's not a lot of engagement, if that's a main draw, and once it's developed you won't be able to access it. A few parts of town have trash built up. Kayak launch and creek areas. I really like the Glory Park idea and you can always extend to the creek if you want to do a robust trash pickup down to the trail. Blake proposed a motion to adopt a spot at Glory Park. Chery seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- Elaine: How soon will we get started?

- Stacie: I'll reach out to Amy, we'll have to make it an official spot. We'll work on getting a sign ready. We'll unveil it at the grand opening. It's a good idea – outreach, engagement.
- Blake: Looking forward to it.
- Stacie: We'll have to make sure we don't hit quorum during pickups. Max of 4 in the group. We have a bit of time to work on a solution for that. Won't cut the ribbon until April.

E. Round Table:

- Angela Lewallen –
- Elizabeth Flores –
- Chery Brennan –
- Chris Crawford –
- Julia Sykes –
- Blake Wyne
- Michael Pope –
- Jim Domer –
- Elaine Borchardt –

H. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Chery to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m., was seconded by John and the vote was unanimous.



Stacie Anaya, Director



Blake Wyne, Park Board Chair