

City of Tulare  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
830 S. Blackstone St.  
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 6:30 a.m.  
MINUTES

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 a.m. by Chairperson Craig Hancock at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Craig Hancock, Nick Sherwood, Eric Farrenkopf, Mike Jamaica, Armando da Silva, Lupe Mendoza

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Glick, Brian Beck, Ivan Nicar, Coleen Pacheco

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Jamaica.

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1) **Commission minutes of June 11, 2024 regular meeting.**

It was moved by Commissioner Farrenkopf, seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

**VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

(1) **Elk Bayou Soccer Complex Agreement – Brian Beck**

Assistant Community Services Director Brian Beck reported that Recreation Supervisor Capote held meetings with AYSO and TYSL and was key in getting this agreement organized with equal playing time and field dimensions for both leagues with consistent field markings. Both organizations are playing both Saturday and Sunday. Commission Chairperson Hancock

motioned and Commissioner Sherwood seconded to approve the agreement. The motion unanimously carried.

(2) **Administrative Items – Jason Glick**

Community Services Director Jason Glick invited the Commission to the ground breaking of the dog park on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 407 North O St.

Zumwalt Park construction is ongoing. First concert is scheduled on October 26, 2024, although park construction will not be completed until this winter.

Community Services Director Glick announced that Friday, August 16, 2024 will be his last day in this department. He will be returning to Visalia Parks and Recreation Department as Director. Assistant Community Services Director Beck will be acting Community Services Director until the position is filled.

(3) **Attendance, Recreation, and Cost Recovery Reports, Upcoming Events – Brian Beck**

Assistant Community Services Director Beck reported that softball numbers have increased. Recreation Supervisor Capote has done a good job in getting teams from other towns, holding people accountable and changing the dynamic of the softball program. Game times were modified due to heat. He has also kept the adult volleyball program going this past year, unlike the previous year. BEST Club is down slightly from last year due to keeping kids off waiting lists and enrolling them in alternate programs if BEST Club is not offered at the school where they attend. Summer Camp attendance numbers are up this year compared to last year, even with school district offering a free program. Our fees were discounted, but we still received more enrollments than last year. Movies in the Park numbers were down slightly. It was very hot this year, and may be doing something different next year. Public Swim numbers were about the same as last year, instructional swim numbers did increase from last year. Youth tennis numbers were up this year. We were able to use the same instructors as last year and times were modified because of heat. Programs are getting ready to start for fall. 190 meals per day are currently being served at the Senior Center.

(4) **Parks Division Monthly Report for Report – July 2024**

Parks Maintenance Manager Ivan Nicar announced that the Parks Department is currently 3 positions short, and Parks staff under the direction of Parks Supervisor Rick Murch are working very hard to keep all locations maintained properly until those positions are filled. Along with the regular parks maintenance Ivan outlined completed projects including tree removal and pruning, irrigation repair, addition of EWF (Engineered Wood Fiber) playground chips and transient encampment cleanup in parks. Upcoming

projects include adding EWF (Engineered Wood Fiber) chips to playgrounds, tree pruning and parking lot prep at Elk Bayou Soccer Complex, demolition of Tyler Park dumpster enclosure and solar bollard improvement project at Willow Glen Park. There was a total of 480 of volunteered community service hours.

**VIII. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST**

Chairman Hancock addressed the Commission regarding the recent Supreme Court issuing its opinion of Grants Pass v. Johnson making it easier for communities nationwide to fine, ticket and arrest people who live unsheltered even when no adequate shelter is available. Governor Newsome then stated that this ruling from the Supreme Court provides state and local officials the authority to implement policies to clear unsafe encampments from our streets. By this ruling taking place this should put the homeless issue back into the responsibility of PD, Health and Safety, and Code Enforcement.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Craig Hancock at 7:06 a.m.