

Regular Meeting Minutes
Public Parks and Playgrounds Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

118. E. Richmond St.

Giddings, Texas

1. **Open Meeting-**Vice Chair Tiffany Albrecht opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Board Members Present: Vice Chair Tiffany Albrecht, Darrel Sanders, Tony Francis, Janie Wooldridge, Crystal Luna, Joe Rangel. Not Present April Gaitan.

Staff present- Mayor Joel Lopez, City Manager Spence Schneider, Secretary Andrea Ray, Supervisor Parks, Cemetery Justin Kessler, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray.

2. **Pledges were said.**

3. **Discuss electing a Chair; take action on same:**

A motion was made by Parks Board Member Darrell Sanders and seconded by Parks Board Member Tony Francis to elect, Tiffany Albrecht as Chairperson for 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Parks Board Members: Sanders, Francis, Wooldridge, Luna, Rangel

Nays: None

4. **Discuss electing a Vice Chair; take action on same:**

A motion was made by Parks Board Member Tony Francis and seconded by Parks Board Member Darrel Sanders to elect, Janie Wooldridge as Vice Chair for 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Parks Board Members: Sanders, Francis, Wooldridge, Luna, Rangel

Nays: None

5. **Discuss and take Action on Public Parks and Playgrounds Board Meeting Minutes held on Thursday, December 7, 2023.**

A motion was made Parks Board Member Darrell Sanders and seconded by Parks Board Member Joe Rangel to approve the Public Parks and Playgrounds Board Meeting Minutes held on, Thursday, December 7, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Parks Board Members: Sanders, Francis, Wooldridge, Luna, Rangel

Nays: None

6. **Discuss and take possible action for a recommendation of monies from the Giddings Economic Development Corporation for city parks improvement for the next 5 years.**

City Manager Spencer Schneider stated we have been asking the GEDC for a long time to help the Parks System. There has been a law change to allow the GEDC to assist with programs for the Parks System with a five-year grant.

What Kenny Ray and I have done is we have nailed down the GEDC for \$50,000 a year for five-years to help with our Parks System. The GEDC wants a plan of action for the expenditures of future projects. In your packet you have a list of projects and I will explain this to you. This will be a base line and general five-year plan for Parks System which accommodates all the parks. The City of Giddings received a grant of \$50,000.00 from LCRA and this will be used for rehab for the restrooms for the Veteran's Park and the Simmang Park and the concession stand. We are over the budget in the Parks Department so the first year to help with splashpad. The \$12,500 will be paid back to Parks Department. LCRA grant \$28,700 = \$41,200. \$8,800 with left over money it can be used at Simmang Park. The Park's Board can discuss this general plan and make changes to as well. City Manager Spencer Schneider explained that the first year is a clean-up with the money for the splashpad and help with LCRA Grant match.

- 2024-2025 - Veteran's Park (splashpad \$12,500, LCRA grant \$28,700 = \$41,200)
- Simmang Park- 8,800 (upper restrooms electrical, led lights, hand dryers)
- 2025-2026 - Simmang Park (lower restrooms ac and heating, doors, led lights, painting)
- 2027-2028 - Veteran's Park (marine field new fencing, lighting, shade over bleachers)
- 2028-2029 - Veteran's Park (shade over bleachers, additional parking area)
- Simmang Park (concrete walking trail)
- 2029-2030 - Simmang Park (concrete walking trail, concrete drainage erosion areas)

A motion was made Parks Board Member Joe Rangle and seconded by Vice Chair Janie Wooldridge to approve the 2024-2025 -Veteran's Park (splashpad \$12,500, LCRA grant \$28,700 = \$41,200 and make a recommendation to change the general plan as the needs for Parks Department.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Parks Board Members: Sanders, Francis, Wooldridge, Luna, Rangel

Nays: None

7. Discussion and take possible action regarding Veterans Park Splash Pad, Simmang Park, Veterans Memorial Park, City of Giddings Swimming Pool, Whistle Stop Park.

City Secretary Andrea Ray stated this line item was put on the agenda to discuss any projects or problems with these parks. City Secretary Andrea Ray introduced the Chair of the Beautification Committee Miranda Hildebrandt and asked if she wanted to address the Parks Board at this time. Miranda stated as a committee they want to focus on the City owned property's and help with projects. Miranda asked the Parks Board if they have any ideas for the committee to work on projects. They can cover the costs on some of projects. One project was the refurbished angels along the poles at Christmas time. Working with GEDC on the welcome signs coming into Giddings. We have added fake flowers to the library planter out front. We are looking at new benches and trash cans around town with help with a grant were applying for. We want to do projects around the Downtown Plaza.

Chair Tiffany Albrecht asked about painting the press-boxes and having the military emblem of the names of the fields added. Tiffany stated she does have quotes of about \$300-\$350.00 to have the military emblem painted on the press-boxes. Chair Miranda stated please come to next meeting and let us know the quotes and we will work on this project with Parks Board. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated there is a need for lifeguards please get the word out.

Parks Department Supervisor Justin Kessler stated that the Lee Little League requested lights for the next budget. The sheet in your packet is the cost and the City of Giddings will put in half of the cost at \$15,612.50. The Lee County Little League will put in half of the cost at \$15,612.50

NO ACTION TAKEN

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8. Discuss and take action regarding to set a time and date for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Parks Vice Chair Janie Wooldridge and seconded by Joe Rangel to set time and date for the next meeting to be Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Parks Board Members: Sanders, Francis, Wooldridge, Luna, Rangel

Nays: None

9. Adjournment Chair Tiffany Albrecht adjourned at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 for the Public Parks & Playground regular meeting.

ATTEST:



Andrea Ray, City Secretary





Board Chairperson Signature