



MINUTES

The Gilmer Park's Advisory Board meeting convened in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Gilmer City Hall at 110 Buffalo St., Gilmer, Texas.

The following members were present:

Chairman John McWhorter
Member Steve Stewart
Michael Chevalier, City Councilmember/Ex-Officio Parks Board

Vice-Chair Todd Stansbury
Member Emma Smith

The following members were absent:

Member Benjamin Dodd
Member Willie Grant

Member Lucy Winn

The following staff was present:

Greg Hutson, City Manager

Mary Bullock, City Secretary

Other Attendees:

Stan Hayes, Hayes Engineering
Marjee Caffey, UCGYSA (Softball)
Angela Seidel, UCYSA (Soccer)
Ike Fluellen, Resident
Hunter Harrison, GBA (Baseball)
Kyle Bowden, GBA (Baseball)
Tana Cannon, UCYSA (Soccer)

Larry Sumpter, Tegrity Contractors
James Caffey, UCGYSA (Softball)
Jason Seidel, UCYSA (Soccer)
Justin Ashley, GBA (Baseball)
Casey Hitt, GBA (Baseball)
Wendy Alexander, GBA (Baseball)

I. Call to Order Invocation Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John McWhorter called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The invocation was led by Vice-Chair Todd Stansbury, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman John McWhorter.

II. Public Comments

Resident Ike Fluellen discussed improvements that were needed at Ella Granville (Abney Park) to make the park safer.

III. Items to Consider

1. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to approve the Gilmer Park Advisory Board Minutes from March 4, 2024 (Enclosure).

Member Steve Stewart made a motion to approve the Gilmer Park Advisory Board Minutes from March 4, 2024, second by Member Emma Smith and a vote of 5/0 for approval.

2. Consider and discuss playground shades at Abney Park (Enclosure).

City Manager Greg Hutson discussed the plans and costs for shades over the playground at Abney Park. There was much discussion among the board and public regarding the plans and funding for the shades.

3. Consider and discuss Phase I Construction Project for Yamboree Park.

Stan Hayes from Hayes Engineering and Larry Sumpter from Tegrity Contractors discussed the construction and project timeline with the goal of the project to be completed by February 2026. Stan Hayes also recommended moving the infield material mix from the current softball field to the future softball field location. This change was not part of the original Phase I Construction Project. There was much discussion among the board and public regarding the project and the proposed start dates of the construction dependent upon the removal of each sport association's equipment currently housed at the park. Each association said they would remove their equipment in time for the contractors to start around the first part of June. Kyle Bowden of the Gilmer Baseball Association presented a list of questions to the board regarding the operation and maintenance of the new fields once the project is completed. City Manager Greg Hutson commented that the park advisory board meetings will now be held on a regular basis since the project is starting with the next proposed meeting as June 11, 2025. He will be inviting the proposed maintenance contractors of the fields to the meeting to answer questions.

Vice-Chair Todd Stansbury made a motion to approve moving the infield material mix from the current softball field to the future softball field location, with a second by Member Steve Stewart and a vote of 5/0 for approval.

IV. Adjourn

Member Emma Smith made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Councilmember Michael Chevalier and a vote of 5/0 for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.


Mary Bullock, City Secretary