



# City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

## **REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 - 4:30 PM**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the City of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

#### **2. CALL OF ROLL**

Present: Rachel Buchanan, Lee Ann Linam, Amy Crowell, Anthony Deringer, Lori Olson, and Leah Cuddeback (arrived after roll call).

#### **3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no citizens communications.

#### **4. MINUTES**

##### **4.1 Consider approval of minutes from the July 9, 2025 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting. Anthony Deringer noted that he was elected as secretary during the July meeting which he missed, as he is typically absent for July meetings due to an annual class trip. The Acting Chair confirmed he was comfortable with the appointment, and he agreed.

*Motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2025 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was made by Lori Olson and seconded by Rachel Buchanan. The motion passed with Anthony Deringer abstained as they were not present at the July meeting.*

#### **5. CITY STAFF REPORT**

##### **5.1 Parks Director report**

Parks Director, Richard Shaver presented a comprehensive quarterly report that would also be shared with City Council. He began with updates on current projects:

- An RFP for an aquatic feasibility study is currently in legal review. Once reviewed, it will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. The study will examine the city's capabilities for providing aquatic recreation options such as pools, splash pads, or river access.
- The Wimberley Community Center hosted its first gun show the previous weekend with over 2,000 attendees, matching the entire month of July's attendance. Two more shows are scheduled for later this year or early next year.
- Facility updates included repairs to leaks at the Community Center. The majority of the leak was outside with smaller leaks in the attic and wall being addressed in the coming weeks.
- The Parks Director announced the city's 25th anniversary celebration, with parks staff actively involved in planning.

The quarterly report highlighted several achievements:

- Blue Hole Regional Park received the prestigious Travelers Choice Award, placing it among the top 10% of attractions worldwide on TripAdvisor.
- Swim operations continued to sell out daily even with school starting, with operations continuing daily until Labor Day, then weekends only in September.
- Summer camps exceeded last year's attendance and revenue with an 18% year-over-year growth. Both Blue Hole Nature Camp and Wimberley Summer Camp had strong attendance, with many weeks having waitlists.
- Community Center rentals increased compared to the previous quarter, with a focus on increasing weekday rentals since weekends are typically sold out year-round.
- A new program partnership with Super Dimension Gaming has become one of their most popular offerings. The program features board games and interactive gaming experiences one Saturday per month for approximately six hours, attracting diverse age groups.
- The Parks Director shared that the Acoustic Bat Monitoring Program conducted research at Patsy Glen Refuge, identifying eight different bat species including six considered species of greatest conservation need. The findings support the ecological value of Patsy Glen and will inform ongoing conservation strategies.

Mr. Shaver also reported that a grant application for \$750,000 was submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife non-urban outdoor grant program on August 1st for the Blue Hole Nature Center, with the project discovery phase pending final agreement.

Future events mentioned included planning for Boo! Hole Halloween with expected attendance of over 6,000 people, with Pedernales Electric Cooperative as a title sponsor donating \$6,000 for the event.

## **6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **6.1 Discuss and consider action related to the Blue Hole Nature Center**

Mr. Shaver presented a revised fee proposal for the Blue Hole Nature Center project that had been included in the Board packet. The design team reduced the fee from \$122,890.96 to just over \$58,000 by scaling back the discovery phase. This included removing the integrated design

workshop and associated consultant preparation and streamlining public engagement with park staff taking a larger role in facilitating stakeholder events.

The new discovery phase includes conceptual level cost estimation, public engagement and presentations, data collection and assessments, and programming. Mr. Shaver explained that the cost assessment was front-loaded so that after this initial phase, they would have a clearer idea of costs.

The Board discussed the importance of having an "a la carte" decision-making process that will allow them to exclude certain elements if the total cost exceeds the budget. Mr. Shaver confirmed that the architects would break down costs by element so the Board could pick and choose what to include based on budget constraints. He noted that the city's construction budget was \$4 million with \$1 million for architecture, with a goal to raise an additional \$2 million to reach \$5 million total.

Mr. Shaver also mentioned that up to \$250,000 could be immediately reimbursed from the county to kickstart the project, and this first payment of just over \$58,000 would be covered by those funds.

Motion to recommend that City Council approve the discovery phase agreement for the Blue Hole Nature Center was made by Rachel Buchanan and seconded by Lori Olson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shaver noted that the item would go to City Council the following Thursday, August 21, 2025.

## **7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **7.1 Announcements**

Mr. Shaver announced that the State of the City address by the Mayor would be held the following Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Community Center. He also reminded the Board that the City Council meeting where the Blue Hole Nature Center proposal would be discussed was scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM, with a budget and goals workshop starting at 4:00 PM.

### **7.2 Future agenda items**

The Board agreed to carry over the Blue Hole Nature Center as a regular agenda item for future meetings. Anthony Deringer requested an update on the Martha's Knies park play structure. Mr. Shaver mentioned they were collecting quotes for play structures and noted that the threshold for RFPs had been amended from \$50,000 to \$100,000, which would allow them to move forward more quickly if they set their budget at \$100,000. Mr. Shaver stated he would have a formal discussion and action on this at the next meeting.

Mr. Shaver also mentioned that the aquatic feasibility study RFP, if ready after legal review, would be on the next agenda.

He also noted a change in meeting posting requirements, explaining that state legislation now requires meetings to be posted three calendar days before the meeting date, moving the deadline from Fridays to Thursdays at 5:00 PM before meetings.

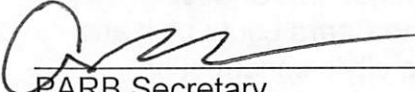
The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Ann Linam and seconded by Rachel Buchanan. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

**RECORDED BY:**

  
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PARB Secretary

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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PARB Chairperson

