

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
October 17, 2013**

Call To Order

Chairperson Steve Whalen called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Steve Whalen, Ralph Yingling, Shawna Chamberlain, Karin Coppernoll, Bill Kristiansen, Lara Ramey

Board Members Absent: Shawna Chamberlain, Collette Reams

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Ralph Yingling and seconded by Karin Coppernoll to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation –None

Unfinished Business – Mike Farrell updated the Board that the Rotary Field restrooms project has been completed and that the restrooms are open to the public. He thanked the Board for their support of the project and named the major contributors to the project, noting that funding came from the City Parks CIP and Utility CIP funds, as well as \$50,000 raised by the Monroe Rotary Club.

New Business – *Draft Agenda* – November 21, 2013 to include a Park Plan update, budget update and plans for all-weather fields at the High School.

Staff Reports/Updates –*Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell distributed an update to the Board on Department activities that included park events, music concerts, outdoor movies, several volunteer projects and an update on the Rotary Field restrooms project. He gave the Board a brief overview of the City budget presentation, pointing out the proposed 2014 budget requests for parks operations, programs, events and capital projects. He also reported that the Park Plan Update process is underway with an estimated completion date of June, 2015.

Board Discussion – None

Agency Reports

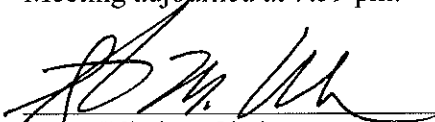
Planning Commission –Bill Kristiansen reported that the Planning Commission has been busily working on updates to the current Comprehensive Plan in preparation for the work on the Comprehensive Plan Update process of 2014-15. They have scheduled public hearings on the East Monroe zoning proposal and on changing the School Mitigation Fees. He stated that it has been very helpful for the Commission to have staff such as Ralph Yingling, representing the

School District, to clearly explain in detail what school mitigation fees are used for and other details related to the topic.

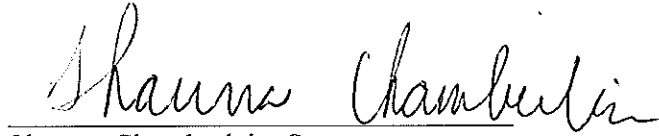
Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling gave the Board a brief overview of the School District’s development plans for all-weather athletic fields at the High School. He mentioned that he would bring a summary to the next Board meeting of the School District’s strategy to phase development of three lighted all-weather fields utilizing funds from the sale of surplus property and identifying other funding sources. He also informed the Board that the School District is investigating having the all-weather football field surface safety tested by a contractor through a scientific G-force impact process utilizing specialized testing machinery (GMAX). He added that he discussed with Mike Farrell from the City Parks Department the potential for some cost savings in scale to the City if they were to elect to do the same testing at the Rotary Field.

Adjournment

Motion by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Bill Kristiansen to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.



Steve Whalen, Chairperson



Shawna Chamberlain, Secretary