

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jason Vreeland called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Jason Vreeland, Katie Rae Preston, Joyce Compton, Eric Reed, Destin Singleton, Laurie Wehring.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Discuss and consider approval of the April 14, 2026 Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Joyce Compton made a motion to approve the minutes, Destin Singleton seconded.

4. RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) May Recognitions and Announcements

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Ken Wilson gave an update on the status of the seasonal staffing.

Fischer Park

Seasonal Recreation Instructors - 5/5

Landa Recreation

Camp Coordinators - 4/4

Camp Counselors - 24/24

Landa Park Aquatic Complex

Coordinators - 8/8

Cashiers - 24/24

Lifeguards - 42/60 - 18 pending onboarding.

Saengerfest

The Park Foundation participated in Saengerfest on May 2nd and operated the Wine Park with 11 local wineries offering tastings, glasses of wine, and bottles of wine for sale to festival guests. The Foundation also organized a Silent Auction and Wine Basket Raffle to raise additional funds. The turnout was lower than in previous years,

but it was still a good day of fundraising.

North West Park Clean-Up

A contract with Lonestar Civil for site cleanup and removal services for the Northwest Park primitive trails project was approved by City Council on May 11.

Upcoming Events:

- Live @ Landa - May 21st
- Landa Park Aquatic Complex Opens - May 23rd
- First Day of Summer Camps - May 26th
- Zipp Family Sports Park Grand Opening - June 20th
- Dos Rios Splash and Dash 5K - June 20th

5. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Park and Recreation Advisory Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Board action at this time.

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

No citizens spoke at this time.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A) City of New Braunfels Arts & Culture Master Plan

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Mandi Scott, Economic and Community Development Manager, provided an overview of the recently approved City of New Braunfels Arts & Culture Master Plan. Specific parts of the plan that are directly related to Parks and Recreation were discussed and how the two master plans will interact.

B) Landa Park Golf Course Mid-Year Update

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Quint Alexander, Golf Course Manager, provided an update to the Board on operations at the Landa Park Golf Course. Golf rounds, cart rentals, green fees and memberships are all slightly up compared to last year and Pro Shop sales are down around eight percent. The start of play has been moved to 7am May-Sept. 17 additional parking spaces, project nearing completion by the end of May. Significant rainfall this spring and fertilization of the course has led to great playing conditions. Bunker renovations are set to begin at the end of the summer with the first half and hope to complete the second half

after the start of the new fiscal year.

C) Zipp Family Sports Park Grand Opening

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Stephanie Chelar, Recreation Manager, provided an overview of the Zipp Family Sports Park Grand Opening. Review of the events of the day and raffle packages.

D) River Season Update

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager, provided an update to the Board on the upcoming river season. Improvements to the last public exit were completed prior to the start of the season. Major flooding events during the summer of 2025 led to a decrease in visitation in July and August. River Management Fee collection was historically low. Paid parking was extended to Cypress Bend Park bringing in \$138,020.

2026

Paid parking began on May 1, \$2 River Management Fee begins on May 23.

Expectations - increased river flow, currently at 189cfs, plan for 2-4 hour floats, bring extra hydration. Will continue to see many first time guests, less congestion at last tubers due to improvements and new Texas Tube exit. Expect big July 4th weekend.

Paid Parking - 8,836 passes issued in 2025. Tracking slightly higher this year, cameras have been installed at Prince Solms for data collection.

Projects:

- Expanded life jacket program into Cypress Bend Park
- Additional safety signage
- Striping and curb improvements

10th annual Dos Rios Watershed Clean Up on October 10th

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

1. Feedback from River Activities Meeting
2. TCS Bike and Pedestrian Plan
3. Dry Comal Trail Union Pacific Update

9. ADJOURNMENT

By: _____ CHAIR

Attest:

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