

AGENDA ITEM 35

Discuss and take appropriate action concerning the park advisory committee.

Commissioner Boatright gave an overview of the budget considerations for maintenance and operation of the Williamson County Regional Park. He stated that the budget included five employees: a maintenance supervisor, who would be required to have 10 years experience in turf management, be a licensed irrigation specialist and have a pesticide license; three maintenance employees under his supervision; and a scheduling and operations manager for the park.

The soccer association has agreed to pay an annual fee for use of the park. The committee had also discussed the possibility of charging an annual parking/use fee, and a charge for parking/use of the facility for users without a permit during tournaments.

Several area parks directors are going to put a budget together to project revenue from annual fees, concessions, and tournaments. Commissioner Boatright would like to meet 40% of the budget with revenues from these items.

Commissioner Boatright asked for feedback from the court on the proposed budget considerations. He said that Randy Morrow with the City of Georgetown suggested a software package that tracks scheduling and revenues for parks. The cost of the software is approximately \$60,000.

Commissioner Boatright said that there would be two public/private agreements for the park, one for concessions and one for operation of the tennis center.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Maintenance Facility in Georgetown.

Commissioner Heiligenstein stated that he does not like the idea of charging a parking fee for use of the parks and trails. He said that none of the local city parks charge a fee for parking, and he sees this as different from state park use.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 36

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date to receive County annual bids.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To authorize advertising and to set the date to receive County annual bids for August 14, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

Vote: **4 - 0**

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