

RESOLUTION R-2017-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT'S (TPWD) PROPOSED PUBLIC PLAN FOR THE 135 ACRE SITE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LOST PINES GOLF CLUB, WITH EMPHASIS ON OUTDOOR PROGRAMMING, OUTDOOR EDUCATION, AND HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS; STRONGLY URGING THE TPWD TO BUILD A "TRIBUTE GREEN" TO PRESERVE AND EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT THE LOST PINES GOLF COURSE PLAYED IN THE BASTROP STATE PARK'S HISTORY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Bastrop State Park was constructed in the 1930's during the New Deal by the Civilian Conservation Corps, also known as the Tree Army, on property deeded to the State of Texas by the City of Bastrop for purposes of a State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Bastrop State Park contained a nine (9) hole golf course, known as the Lost Pines Golf Club, which was originally created by the Bastrop Golf Club in the early 1900's, was expanded to an 18-hole course in 1995, and closed in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Bastrop State Park was designed as a National Historic Landmark in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in the past ten (10) years, the City of Bastrop has experienced unprecedented growth, resulting in numerous challenges for the City to provide appropriate provision of services, specifically those related to parks, trails, recreation and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized the Master Parks Plan Update in 2008 and 2015 to provide for and to continue park and recreation facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open spaces and update existing parks in the City of Bastrop; and

WHEREAS, the recently adopted Bastrop Comprehensive Plan states that quality of life measures embodied by a well-managed public parks system is a barometer of community health, which can influence the City's competitiveness for private investment and growth; and

WHEREAS, the Bastrop Comprehensive Plan recognized the need to strengthen connections between the City's active recreation parks and local natural resources, which are best represented by Bastrop State Park, the Colorado River and Lost Pines Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Objective 7.1.2 of the Bastrop Comprehensive Plan supports increasing citywide bicycle and pedestrian accessibility through the development of a linear park system; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) presented their Proposed Public Use Plan for the 135-acre site, where the Lost Pines Golf Club was previously

located, to the City Council on August 22, 2017 and used the City of Bastrop Master Parks Plan 2015 as a basis for their proposal citing 90% support from citizens for outdoor programming and 80% for outdoor education; and

WHEREAS, the TPWD Plan will provide 18 acres for day use area with informal play fields, natural playscape stations and picnic sites, converting the historic pro-shop and starter house to an Interpretive Center, and building a nature/education center and creation of an amphitheater; and

WHEREAS, the TPWD Plan creates almost five (5) miles of new hike and bike trails within the State Park and a connection to the City of Bastrop's proposed trail to the State Park, citing 90% support from citizens for hiking/biking trails as the most requested facility type in the 2015 Bastrop Master Parks Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the TPWD Plan, if adopted, expands a continuum of recreational opportunities for the citizens of the City of Bastrop with emphasis on outdoor programming, outdoor education, and hiking and biking trails as well as identifies existing and future partnerships with Bastrop State Park without further cost to the City of Bastrop; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop Parks Board approved a Resolution endorsing the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Proposed Plan for the Bastrop State Park at their August 10, 2017 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council strongly urges the TPWD to acknowledge the important role that the golf course played in the Bastrop State Park's early history through the creation of a "tribute green" in order to preserve and educate future generations of this history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas hereby supports the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's proposed public plan for the 135-acre site, formerly known as the Lost Pines Golf Club, with emphasis on outdoor programming, outdoor education, and hiking and biking trails.

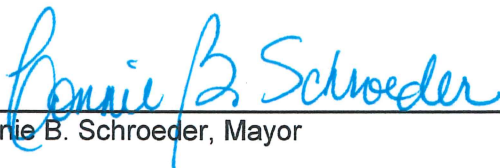
Section 2: That the City Council strongly urges the TPWD to acknowledge the important role that the golf course played in the Bastrop State Park's early history through the creation of a "tribute green" in order to preserve and educate future generations of this history.

Section 3: All orders, ordinances, and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of September, 2017.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



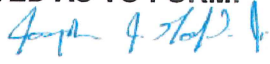
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Joseph J. Gorfida, Jr.
Interim City Attorney