



Please return completed application to:
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

All information provided in this application is public information pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act.

The Parks and Recreation Commission annually submits a 5-year comprehensive park plan; makes recommendations regarding the management, maintenance, use, and improvement of all parks and public recreational facilities owned or controlled by the City; makes recommendations concerning acquiring real property and concerning donations, legacies, and bequests; and makes recommendations regarding recreational programs and events. The Parks and Recreation Commission is composed of 6 members serving 2-year terms, and 1 high school student and 1 alternate member serving 1-year terms. The alternate member may vote if a regular member is absent.

Candidates are required to be registered voters of the City and to have resided within the corporate limits for at least twelve months preceding the appointment and must not be employed by or hold any other position in the City's government. The student member is not required to be a registered voter. All appointments are made by and at the discretion of the City Council. Because vacancies may arise before the next regular appointment period, all applications are kept on file until the next application period.

Name: Lama Zakzok

Telephone:

Residential Address: 1217 Laurel Oak Trail, Pflugerville, Texas 78660

E-mail Address:

Alternate Telephone:

Resident of the City of Pflugerville for 7 years.

Are you are a registered voter of the City of Pflugerville? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission? Yes No

Does any potential conflict of interest exist which may interfere or inhibit you to carry out the duties of a Parks and Recreation Commissioner? Yes No (If Yes, please explain.)

How often do you use parks facilities in Pflugerville?

Very Often, I live about ten minutes away from Pflugerville Park and I constantly jog there in the evenings with friends/family. I've had several family gatherings there, and my friends and I go play volleyball and soccer there.

Which facilities do you use?

Playground, volleyball net, bathrooms, pools, pretty much everything. (Not to sure if I answered that correctly.)

Please list the programs offered by the Parks Department.

One I know all too well is Deutschen Pfest! There also cleanup day, Spring Pfling, Pharmers Market, Neighborhood (national) night out, Pfirecracker Pfestivile (July 4th).

*What areas or programs would you like to see improved or expanded?*

I believe we need to advertise these activities more, because I know tons of people that would love to be involved in anything for the city but don't know where to go or what to do. We should also have more clean up days for those who miss the first one or didn't get the memo. It would be great to add more summer camps for the children, whether educational (math camp, etc.) or just fun (camping, hiking, exploring our beautiful parks, etc.). And Pflugerville schools have amazing programs for disabled/autistic students; we could have something just for them! I personally love spending time with them.

*What are the biggest challenges that you see facing Parks and Recreation in Pflugerville in the next 5 years?*

Adding more activities that appeal to children will be a giant obstacle. Pflugerville has tons of kids, 18 elementary schools and 5 middle schools to prove it, so things that attract them, that are 'cool' should be a priority. What attracts children, attracts their parents also!

*Please provide any additional information you feel would be useful to the City Council in considering your application. Please use additional sheets as necessary. A cover letter and/or resume may also be submitted with the application.*

I'm 16, attending Pflugerville High school with have a 3.8 GPA (1<sup>st</sup> quartile in my class), and recently earned an academic letterman. I'm also involved in my schools recycle, volunteer, and school improvement clubs. Coming from a diversified background I view the world from different point of views, and I'm determined to draw attention and improve things I feel passionately about. Always optimistic, I always choose to see the best in everyone yet I'm not afraid to speak my mind.

*By signing this application, I hereby affirm that I am aware of the requirements for the position and certify that I meet those requirements.*

*Applicant Signature:*     **Lama Zakzok**

*Date:*     6/5/2012