

approval. Discussion continued about Nature Pfest, the possibility of moving Nature Pfest to another park and adding more days.

**4F.** [2014-3105](#)

Presentation and Discussion of Trail Gaps.

Ms. Gindin presented a PowerPoint to the Commission on various trail gaps identified in the Parks and Trail Study completed by RVI. She presented photos of trail gaps selected to be high priority, as well as other trail gaps that were not included on the list of 11 trails. Discussion began about why certain trail and trail gaps were chosen or not chosen due to factors such as waiting for parkland to be developed before building a trail. Ms. Ryan added that part of the parks and trail construction plan was that it could be revisited in a year. Discussion continued about the RVI study and their perception on the importance of trails (i.e. near future road development) and the Commission's perception of importance (i.e. connecting neighborhoods, schools and parks), and also about citizen constructed nature trails. Mr. Hemenes added that any trail built by a governmental entity needs to be ADA compliant. The reason is to provide the same experience and accessibility for everyone. Discussion continued about changes made to the ADA requirements for parks and trails in respect to nature trails and how to advertise citizen constructed nature trails.

**4G.** [2014-3106](#)

Discussion of Park, Trail and Lake Pflugerville Hours.

Ms. Crouch introduced the topic. Mr. Hemenes presented a chart with nearby cities' park and trail hours. Right now, the City of Pflugerville's park hours are 6am-10pm with 24 hour trail access and 24 hour fishing at Lake Pflugerville. Mr. Hemenes informed the Commission that he had received complaints from citizens about late night use of parks and trails. With 24 hour access allowed on the trails there is a concern for safety since the trails do not have lighting. However, installing lighting on the trails will encourage more night time use in the parks and trails. He also noted that he spoke with the Police Department and they told him that it is hard to differentiate trail use and park use in the nighttime since many trails run through parks. Ms. Gindin said she believes that the trails should stay open 24 hours because there is a use of the trails in the late evening hours. She continued to say that not everyone is on a daytime schedule for a number of reasons and that the City shouldn't disallow law abiding citizens from utilization of the trails. Discussion began on how to police disturbances on the trail if trail use is allowed 24 hours a day, how to differentiate a disturbance from someone just utilizing a trail, and what the penalties are, if any, for after-hours use of the parks. Mr. Marburger added that he agrees with Ms. Gindin on keeping the trails accessible for 24 hours of a day because when a homeowner purchases a property near a park or trail they should be aware of the activities that come with that property location. Ms. Curington added that she believes there should maybe be a curfew for children under the age of 18. Discussion began about the City's liability on the trails, and the expectations of lighting on trails since there is 24 hour access.

**5. Discuss and Consider Action**

**5A.** [2014-3099](#)

Discuss and Consider Action to place items on future Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agendas.

Ms. Crouch made a motion to have a discussion on the next steps for the Biehle House project/potential nature center at the next meeting. Ms. Gindin