



City of Pflugerville

Legislation Text

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Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding Lake Pflugerville hours.

This item has been included on the agenda to allow for City Council discussion and direction to staff.

Per the City of Pflugerville's Code of Ordinances Chapter 95.30 Protection of Lake Pflugerville, the Lake shall be open for public use from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., provided however, that Lake Pflugerville shall be open 24 hours a day for the purposes of actively fishing and in possession of a valid Texas Fishing License as required by State Law; except in cases of an emergency or other good cause for closing Lake Pflugerville. In addition to this, Chapter 95.04 establishes that all city trails shall be open 24 hours a day for the purposes of walking, hiking, jogging and bicycling.

Through discussions over several years with the Police Department, it has been determined that enforcement of these provisions is problematic.

In response to resident complaints, staff placed an item on a Parks and Recreation Commission agenda for discussion. At its July 17, 2014 regular meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed proposed changes to the hours for all parks, trails and Lake Pflugerville. A couple of Commissioners had significant objections to changing the ordinances. Staff chose not to place an item on a subsequent meeting agenda to seek a formal recommendation.

At its June 12, 2018 regular meeting, the City Council discussed several items pertaining to Lake Pflugerville Park. The concern with the hours was again raised by staff. Staff placed an item on the July 19, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting agenda to once again discuss park hours, but specifically for Lake Pflugerville and to seek a recommendation.

Attached is a comparison of City's park hours and a portion of the minutes from the July 17, 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Deadline for City Council Action

N/A

Projected Future City Council Action

Any proposed changes to Chapter 95 will require two public hearings and two ordinance readings.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Discuss and provide direction.

Drafter

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