



City of Pflugerville

Legislation Text

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Discuss and Consider Action to make a recommendation regarding Lake Pflugerville Hours of Operation, general Park Hours and Trail Hours.

This agenda item allows Staff and the Commission to discuss current Lake Pflugerville Hours of Operation, general Park Hours and Trail Hours as defined in the City's Code of Ordinances, discuss Public Safety concerns with them and potential changes to those.

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 parks shall be open from dawn until 10:00 p.m. and 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 had a discussion about 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. The City Council requested that this item be brought back to them for discussion and possible action. Staff committed to getting a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission and bringing the item back after that.

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.

At its July 19, 2018 Regular Meeting, the Parks & Recreation Commission discussed the Lake Pflugerville hours of operation and voted unanimously to recommend that the hours stay the same, but that the ordinance be amended to include language that assisted enforcement.

At its July 24, 2018 Regular Meeting, the City Council discussed the Lake Pflugerville Hours of Operation, received the Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendation and voted 5-2 to direct

Staff to come back with a proposed revision to Chapter 95.30 Protection of Lake Pflugerville to set the hours of operation from 4:00 a.m. to Midnight. The proposed ordinance revision is attached.

While the two previous discussions with the Parks & Recreation Commission and the City Council were limited to Lake Pflugerville only, at least at the City Council Meeting, there appeared a desire to look at the general park and trail hours as well. Staff has included discussion and possible action for those in this item as well.

Deadline for Action

Staff is requesting a recommendation or pair of recommendations at this meeting as there will be an item for consideration of the Lake Pflugerville Hours of Operation and a second item to discuss general park and trail hours on the City Council's August 28, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Discuss and provide a recommendation.

Drafter

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