

MEMO

DATE: February 24, 2023
TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mercy Rushing, City Manager - Mineola
SUBJECT: Park & Open Spaces User Fees

The Mineola Park & Open Spaces Advisory Board met at their annual planning meeting on January 18, 2023 where they presented their research findings with other area park fees. Fees were ranging anywhere from \$200.00 upwards of \$400.00 on facility use within the different area parks. The last time that any of the fees were updated was on July 28, 2014.

The following suggestions for City Council to consider are listed below and unanimously voted on by the Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Deposit/Current Fee</u>	<u>Deposit/Suggested Fee</u>
• Daily user fee RV Parking (Derby)	0 / \$30.00	0 / \$40.00
• Derby Pavilion	\$50 /\$75.00	\$100/\$150.00
• Peoples Pavilion (Main Park Area)	\$50/\$100.00	\$100/\$250.00
• Amphitheatre (Rented by itself)	\$50/\$100.00	\$100/\$150.00
• Amphitheatre (Rented w. Pavilion)	\$50.00	\$75.00
• Peterson Park (Downtown)	\$50/\$100.00	\$75 / \$150.00
• Gazebo (Downtown)	\$50/\$100.00	\$75 / \$150.00
• Pavilion (Front St. Downtown)	\$50/\$100.00	\$75 / \$150.00
• Primitive Camping Area (Preserve)	\$5.00	\$10.00

*Note we also need to Remove Harold Simmons Conference Room at the Mineola Transportation (Depot) Plaza because it is now used to house our model railroad train display. We no longer use this room for meeting rentals.

Recommendations:

It is the recommendation of the Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board to update our park fees to the suggested new fee structure for all our city parks that belongs to the City of Mineola. It is also staff's recommendation that City Council consider these suggested updated user fees.

ORDINANCE NO. ____

At the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Mineola, Wood County, Texas, held on ~~July 28, 2014~~ **February 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Mineola Municipal Complex, there being a quorum of the City Council present, upon motion duly made and seconded the following Ordinance was adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS, the Parks and Open Space Board has recommended to the City Council of the City of Mineola to increase fees for use of the Mineola Nature Preserve, Peterson Park, Downtown Gazebo, and Downtown Pavilion. ~~(Remove Harold Simmons Room at the Transportation Plaza)~~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS:

That Chapter 26 Natural Resources, City Parks and Open Spaces Code, Section 26-03 Regulations of Park Grounds (b) Entrance/User Fees; payment; shall be amended by the following:

- (1.) A user fee for use of "Recreational Vehicle Utility Connections" at the "Derby" at the Mineola Nature Preserve shall be:
 - A. Daily user fee of ~~\$30.00~~ **\$40.00** for exclusive use of Recreational Vehicle (**R V**) Connections (i.e. electric, water, sewer **& internet**);
- (2.) A user fee for the exclusive use of the "Derby Pavilion" at the Mineola Nature Preserve shall be:
 - A. deposit of ~~\$50.00~~ **\$100.00** to be refunded upon clean up and removal of trash
 - B. rental fee of ~~\$75.00~~ **\$150.00** per occurrence, per event or per day, (City of Mineola zip code 75773 non-profit organizations will be exempt from rental fees);
- (3.) A user fee for the exclusive use of the "People Pavilion" at the Mineola Nature Preserve shall be:
 - A. deposit of ~~\$50.00~~ **\$100.00** to be refunded upon clean up and removal of trash
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(TOTALLY DELETED, NO LONGER EXISTS)

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