

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2024
TO: Mayor Lankford and City Council
FROM: Mercy Rushing, City Manager-(Parks Staff Director)
SUBJECT: Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board New Appointment
City Council Agenda Item for June 24, 2024

Background Information:

We have an opening to replace newly elected City Council Woman Polly Jones, whose term was up by September of 2024 on the Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board. The new appointment will last for 2 years ending September 30, 2026.

The City of Mineola City Secretary Office and Marketing dept. posted on Facebook and our Mineola website that we are looking for volunteers for board members and we received two (2) candidates for one (1) opening for our Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board.

See attached application. You will have a ballot for you each to mark your selection for a new board member. Please give your ballot to Cindy or Mercy after voting.

1. David Householder – Lives in the Mineola ISD at 370 CR 2632 Mineola TX. Experience: Spent thirty-five years in Agriculture. Forty plus years in photography, outdoor fishing, camping, and hiking. Served 5 years in Boy Scouts of America as assistant scout master. He owns his own woodshop and can build and make a variety of things such as birdhouses, picnic tables, raised garden bed etc. We received Mr. Householder's application May 19, 2024. Mr. David Householder has never served on any city board.

2. Ryan Pool - Mr. Pool and his wife are graduates of MISD and longtime residents of Mineola and currently live within the MISD district at 1280 CR 2800 Mineola TX. Ryan and his wife Desiree own and operate Hometown Trophy & Tees off 1457 Bromberg in the Mineola Industrial/Business area. Hometown Trophy is a family business started by Ryan's father and mother. Ryan and wife Desiree purchased the business where they expanded and moved it inside the city limits on Bromberg Street. Hometown Trophy & Tees have been in business since Feb. 1993 totaling 31 years serving the Mineola area. Ryan loves the outdoors and for the past 6 years he has helped and worked the Mineola Youth Hunt as a volunteer for the City of Mineola at the Nature Preserve. We received Mr. Pool's application on November 7, 2023. Mr. Ryan Pool currently does not serve on any other city board.

Recommendation:

Both candidates are very much eligible and capable to serve on the Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board. We will be sure and keep their application on file for new opportunities as openings occur on our city boards.