

THE CITY OF EASTLAND  
YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2025

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The Youth Sports Advisory Board of the City of Eastland, Texas, met in Open Session at Eastland City Hall as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Member	Steven Gustin
Member	Chris Howard
Member	Scotty Kanady
Member	Jacob Page

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Member	Juan Ojeda
Member	Marcus Bartee
Member	Bucky Williams

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Secretary	Roma Holley
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**I.       Meeting Called to Order**

Steven Gustin called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**II.      Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Steven Gustin offered the invocation and Chris Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III.     Public Comment on Any Subject Not Listed on this Agenda  
(Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)**

No Public in Attendance

**IV.     Approve Minutes of December 3, 2024 meeting.**

Chris Howard made a motion, seconded by Scotty Kanady to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

**V. The Eastland Youth Sports Advisory Board May Discuss and Take Action on the Following Agenda Items:**

**1. Election of Officers due to resignation of Kevin Burrow**

At the Eastland City Commission meeting held on December 16, 2024, the City Commission approved the appointment of Jacob Page to this board. This necessitated the election of Officers:

Scotty Kanady made a motion, seconded by Chris Howard, to elect Steven Gustin as President. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Howard made a motion, seconded by Scotty Kanady, to elect Bucky Williams as Vice-President. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Howard made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page, to elect Scotty Kanady as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

Scotty Kanady made a motion, seconded by Chris Howard, to elect Jacob Page as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Discussion and Consideration of 2024-2025 Budget**

President Gustin called for discussion among the members regarding any expenditures that were made this past month. The starting budget is \$30,000. He stated that \$2,000 had been spent for rye seed for the 12u and 14u Baseball Fields.

Discussion regarding the necessity of the purchase of chalk for each field. This will be approximately \$400 per field. This would come out of the allotment for each field.

Chris Howard made a motion, seconded by Scotty Kanady, to approve the expenditure for chalk.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Discussion and Consideration of prioritizing field improvements

Chris Howard made the following observations regarding the 12u Baseball field:

The infield needs to be “sod cut”  
The backstop needs to be improved.

Chris Howard made the following observations regarding the 14u Baseball field:

The infield needs to be returned to dirt.  
Sheet metal is needed to repair the dugouts.  
The current storage shed needs attention to make it user friendly.

Jacob Page made the following observations regarding the 8u Baseball field:

The infield needs to be leveled with sand.  
Outfield fencing, past the dugouts, needs to be repaired or replaced.  
Discussed purchasing / using a mat in the batter’s box during practice to prevent dirt from being “dug out” during practice.  
Also discussed repairing or replacing five of the lights. It was stated that City Manager Savannah Fortenberry had mentioned addressing this with Comanche Electric.

Scotty Kanady made the following observations regarding the two softball fields:

The east field need to have the scoreboard wiring buried or elevated. Currently, it is in conduit that is attached to the fencing and the wiring is exposed on the back of the scoreboard.

The west field needs to be leveled and fencing needs to be repaired on both softball fields.

There was also discussion about when to put pre-emergence on the fields.

Some of this may have to wait until the drainage issues are addressed. The consensus was that the drainage of water from park hill creates the biggest obstacle to being able to maintain the softball fields. It was determined that the best way to address this is to have a site survey conducted in order to make a viable plan to move forward. Jacob Page stated he will talk to Lynn Williamson to determine the cost of the site survey.

Steven Gustin spoke about the possibility of purchasing a used shipping container to be used for storage. The current storage facilities are in very poor shape and are not large enough.

He also advised the members that he would like to talk to the Eastland County Probation Office and the Eastland County Sheriff Jason Weger about the possibility of using community service workers and/or trustees, to help with some of the painting and cleaning.

All of the members agreed that the concession stand and storage area needs to be cleaned and organized. This also includes the bathrooms. The estimate to repair/update the bathrooms with new fixtures, new sheetrock and new paint is \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Steven Gustin also stated that he will be in contact with Public Works Director Bobby Jacoby regarding trash collection and the location of sprinklers.

No Action Needed.

4. Discussion and Consideration of communicating the goals of this board to the community.

Steven Gustin led the discussion regarding the possibility of a “Town Hall” meeting in the near future. This would be to help inform the public about the direction and goals of this board. They spoke of the need to advertise and communicate this meeting in order to have good attendance.

Chris Howard made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page, to hold a Town Hall meeting at the Eastland City Commission Chambers on January 28, 2024 at 6 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Consideration of items needed before the start of the new season.

12u Baseball field needs to have the backstop repaired.

8u Baseball field needs to have the infield levelled.

Softball fields need to have the scoreboard electrical line moved.

Bathrooms and concession stand must be cleaned, repaired and organized.

Chalk and containers need to be purchased.

No Action Needed.

**VI. Adjournment**

Scotty Kanady made a motion, seconded by Jacob Page, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

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Steven Gustin, President  
Youth Sports Advisory Board

ATTEST

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Roma Holley, City Secretary