



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 9, 2015

Contact: City of Temple
Shannon Gowan, Director of Communications
254.298.5602, sgowan@templetx.gov

Temple Residents Vote in Favor of \$27.6M Parks Bond

(Temple, TX) – This evening, May 9th, 2015, election results were reported and Temple residents voted in favor of and passed a \$27.6M Parks Bond package to improve and upgrade the current park system and facilities. With a total of 1,877 ballots cast, 1,296 voted to approve the measure (69%), while 581 voted in opposition of the bond (31%). Unofficial election results have been reported by Temple City Secretary, Lacy Borgeson. Election results will be canvassed on May 14th.

“Tonight, the citizens of Temple voted and made it known just how important Temple’s parks, trails and recreational facilities are to the community they live in,” said Mayor, Danny Dunn. “The approved bond measure was very much needed for Temple’s parks. The additional funding will allow the City to continue offering wonderful parks and amenities to all residents, even as the community continues to grow in the future.”

The \$27.6M bond includes a wide variety of projects spanning across the entire city. Projects will include upgrades to select neighborhood parks, three new community parks, upgrades to athletic facilities and recreational centers, a deep water pool constructed at Lions Junction Family Water Park, as well as working towards connecting the trail system. All projects are to be scheduled to be completed within four years.

The largest project included in the 2015 Parks Bond is the construction of the \$11.2M Crossroads Athletic Complex. Phase one of the complex encompasses approximately 116 acres and includes four softball fields, four soccer fields, four baseball fields, a shaded playground, pavilions & seating, concessions, restrooms, parking and all necessary infrastructure. The total complete build out of this park will span over 300 acres once fully developed.

“I’m appreciative of the many hours given by the volunteers who developed the Parks Master Plan that was adopted by the City Council last December,” states City Manager Jonathan Graham. “I’m also thankful that a majority of our citizens voted in favor of the parks bond measure. Finally, I give thanks to the staff members and private citizens who worked hundreds of hours to educate voters on the bond package. Our commitment going forward will be to design and construct the parks improvements authorized by voters within budget, on time, and ensuring the health and vitality of our community over the next decade.”

“We are happy the citizens of Temple voted in favor of this bond proposal and I want to thank everyone who was involved in the process,” said Kevin Beavers, Director of Temple Parks & Recreation. “Our future vision for Temple’s parks is starting to become a reality.”

For more information on the 2015 Parks Bond, please visit www.templetx.gov/parksbond or contact Kevin Beavers, Director of Temple Parks & Recreation at 254-298-5690. For media inquiries or interviews, please contact Shannon Gowan, Director of Communications at 254.298.5600.

###