

**MINUTES OF RESCHEDULED CALLED MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, LAMPASAS, TEXAS
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
302 EAST THIRD STREET
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Lampasas met in regular session on the above date with Chairperson Gradel presiding:

Parks Board Members Present:

Roberta Gradel
Shirley Blake
Tasha Bates (Arrived 6:03 pm)
Diane Davis-Koon
Mariah Clary
Shane Jones
Harvey Stinnett

Parks Board Members Absent:

Clay Harrington
Mindi Pratus

City Staff Present:

Jessie Acosta, Parks Director
Lupe Charping, Parks Administrative Assistant
Bailey Carter, Recreation Specialist

REGULAR SESSION

I. Call to order

Chairperson Gradel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Open forum for citizen comments and questions (limited to five (5) minutes (per person)

Janet Crozier expressed concern that the Community Gardens are not represented on the Parks Board. Bailey Carter, Parks Recreation Specialist, stated that Acting City Manager Erin Harrison has requested that discussions about adding new members to the Parks Board be paused.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes dated November 20, 2025.

Board Member Jones moved to approve the minutes dated November 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Board Member Clary, and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Harrington, Pratus absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding an LCRA Grant for batting cages for the Turner Complex

Mariah Clary reported that they are ready to apply for the LCRA grant. The required 10% match has been secured from the Kiwanis Club, and all requirements are in place. The project includes the installation of four batting cages. Board Member Davis-Koon moved to approve the LCRA grant application. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jones and passed unanimously, with Board Member Bates abstaining. (Harrington, Pratus absent)

V. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed volleyball project at Campbell Park and /or Hancock Park submitted by Scouting of America

This item was moved to the February meeting

VI. Discussion regarding Rodeo Arena updates

Bailey Carter informed the Board that a joint one-year contract has been signed with the Lampasas Riding Club and the Lampasas County Rodeo Association. Under the agreement, the groups will maintain the arena and be responsible for utilities.

VII. Discussion and updates regarding Parks and Recreation FEMA projects

Sealed bids for the Turner Fields project were advertised in December. The City received one incomplete bid. Texas Multi-Chem submitted a bid under the \$50,000 threshold; the next step is to seek Council approval. Other FEMA-funded Parks Department projects include Hancock Springs Pool, the Bath House, the bridge by the golf course, W.M. Brook, and the fishing pier

VIII. Discussion regarding Sportsman Solution updates

Bailey Carter reported that Sportsman Solutions is negotiating beverage rights sponsorships with two national companies, Coca-Cola and Pepsi. The agreement would include providing vending machines in City facilities. Pepsi has offered \$40,000 per year, while Coca-Cola has offered \$36,000, and a revised proposal from Coca-Cola is anticipated. Sportsman Solutions will also give Chamber members the first right of refusal on sponsorship opportunities.

IX. Discussion regarding General Park Maintenance and Community Project.

Jessie Acosta provided updates on the Parks Department. He shared that he has been appointed as the new Parks and Recreation Director, Steven Knowlton has assumed the role of Parks Superintendent, and Abel Palacio has retired after nine years with the department. Jessie also reported that on November 20, Forward Lampasas transferred 20 feet of walkway to the city for ongoing upkeep and maintenance. Since then, staff have installed two trash receptacles and plan to add security lighting, dog waste stations, and signage.

For Sports Facilities, Nick Geagley has been named the new crew leader. The team has completed general grounds maintenance and has focused heavily on Turner Field, including installing a new chain-link fence around GEICO Field, leveling the grounds, and adding new sod and sidewalk after the lighting project was finished. At the Cemetery, Josh Palacio has been named crew leader and has hired additional staff.

Bailey Carter reported that the LCRA Steps Forward Grant has been awarded and will take place on April 10, featuring Forward Lampasas, the City, and the Chamber. Bailey also shared that Centex Sustainability has named Forward Lampasas the Community Partner of the Year,

with the award to be presented in April or May. The ceremony will include city managers and mayors from other cities.

Bailey added that updates are expected soon on other grant applications, including funding for a pool liner and a QR code fitness program. The Spring Ho Committee has also received a grant for sunscreen for the playground equipment at WM Brook Park, expected in early February.

X. Any item the Board would like to have placed on the next agenda.
Scouting of America project

XI. Adjourn

Board Member Clary moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stinnett, and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Harrington)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of February, 20 .

Roberta Gradel
Roberta Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lupe Charping
Lupe Charping, Parks Administrative Assistant