

**MINUTES OF REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, LAMPASAS, TEXAS
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
302 EAST THIRD STREET
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 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
Diane Davis-Koon
Mindi Pratus
Shane Jones
Harvey Stinnett
Clay Harrington

Parks Board Members Absent:

Mariah Clary

City Staff Present:

Jessie Acosta, Parks Director
Steven Knowlton, Parks Superintendent
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)

No Citizens Comments

III. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes dated January 14, 2026
Board Member Harrington moved to approve the minutes dated January 14, 2026. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stinnett, and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Clary absent)

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

Braylie Eddinger with the Scouts of America requested permission to complete an Eagle Scout project involving a volleyball court at one of the parks. She reported that the current volleyball court at Brook Park is in poor condition and proposed removing it and relocating it to the other side of the park, away from the road.

Board members expressed concerns about the trees in that area and suggested considering other locations, including Campbell Park. Board Member Gradel noted that there are future plans for Campbell Park and did not recommend that location. Steven Knowlton, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, recommended the 580 Complex, stating there is ample space and no trees that would interfere with the project. Board Member Harrington moved to approve the concept of the project, contingent upon Braylie Eddinger meeting with staff to determine and select a final location. The motion was seconded by board member Jones, and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Clary absent)

V. Discussion and possible action regarding appointing Melissa Unger to represent the Chamber of Commerce on the Parks and Recreation Board

Due to the resignation of Board member Tasha Bates, Melissa Unger would like to represent the Chamber of Commerce on the Parks Board. Board member Blake moved to approve Melissa Unger to represent the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by board member Harrington, and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried (Clary absent)

VI. Discussion and updates regarding Parks and Recreation FEMA projects

Bailey Carter, Recreation Specialist, reported that repairs to Turner Field following the flood have been completed and that the lights have been installed. Board Member Stinnett expressed concerns regarding drainage issues. Bailey stated that drainage studies will be conducted to address those concerns.

Additional FEMA projects scheduled due to the storms, Hancock Springs, the Golf Course bridge, and the fishing piers, which are next in line. A board member expressed concerns with vehicles and pedestrians on the golf course road because they are not able to use the bridge. Bailey responded that the city is pushing as hard as possible to get the golf course bridge done as soon as possible. The city has gone out for engineering proposals

VII. Discussion regarding Sportsman Solutions update

Bailey Carter reported that the president of Pepsi will be in town on March 2, 2026, for a site visit for a potential large sponsorship. Two other sponsorships are in the future; they are still in the works

VIII. Discussion regarding General Park Maintenance and Community Project.

Steven Knowlton, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, provided an update:

The Cemetery has been busy with tree trimming, weed-eating, and replacing a fence. They have had 10 burials

Sports Facilities has put up a 4-foot fence and safety gate at Turner. Applied 6000 lbs. of backfilled dirt and installed a router for lights

Parks- The crew has been busy working with forward Lampasas on the new trail. The crew hand shoveled 56 tons of gravel, set up 3 poop stations, two trash cans, and planted 6 trees. Cleaned out the Levi, disposing of truckloads of trash and rocks. Jessie – Parks Director, followed up

with a report that Lochow Ranch and pond will be doing another round of chemicals at the creek, staff will be busy with the pool, and Hostess House rentals. The contract for the Rodeo arena was signed with the County of Lampasas Rodeo Association

IX. Any item the Board would like to have placed on the next agenda.

Update on volleyball project

X. Adjourn

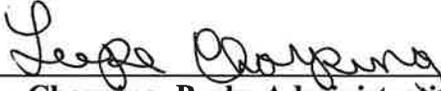
Board Member Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jones, and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Clary absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2026.



Roberta Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Lupe Charping, Parks Administrative Assistant