

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, LAMPASAS, TEXAS  
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING BOARD ROOM  
302 EAST THIRD STREET  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020  
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 Robin Gradel presiding:

**Parks Board Members Present:**

Robin Gradel  
Shirley Blake  
Diane Davis  
Clay Harrington  
Jim Lindeman

**Parks Board Members Absent:**

Shane Jones  
Harvey Stinnett  
Rick Rebando  
Tasha Bates

**City Staff Present:**

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director  
Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary  
Chasity Shifflett, Administrative Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION**

I. Call to order

Chairperson Gradel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Janet Crozier, Lampasas resident, told the Board that she feels there is a need here for a Community Garden, so people can learn how to grow healthier foods and people can enjoy being outside in the sunshine. Crozier said she would like to put the Community Garden behind the Lampasas Mission on East Fourth Street. Crozier told the Board she would like to start with 15 – 12 foot x 12 foot plots and that they would like to start as soon as possible to be ready for fall planting.

Karen Dezarn, County Extension Agent, told the Board that there is a grant program through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center that could help with the purchase of soil, seeds, garden tools and construction of flower beds at the Community Garden.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding Campbell Park improvements

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that Andy Fish and Debbie Reynolds, with the Lampasas Heritage Foundation, wanted to present a proposal for Campbell Park improvements.

Andy Fish and Debbie Reynolds reviewed the proposal for Campbell Park improvements with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Recommendations for the enhancement of Hanna Spring:
  1. Remove the wire fence from around Hanna Spring and raise the water level 3 feet
  2. Move the tractor art exhibit to the children's side of Campbell Park
  3. Construct three wading pools below Hanna Spring
  4. Excavate the foundation of the original bath house
  5. Add concrete tables and chairs to the area around Hanna Spring
  6. Add signage explaining the historical significance of Hanna Spring
  7. Pump out the water, remove wood and trash from the bottom, and power wash the inside of Hanna Spring
  8. Research the existence of a fountain in the middle of Hanna Spring as shown in a drawing on a check stub from 1893
  9. Create formal parking along Hackberry Street
  10. Add safety signage around Hanna Spring
- Lampasas Heritage Foundation is willing to share the burden of the work as well as the cost involved
- Lampasas Heritage Foundation currently has a quote from Juan Vidal to build the wading pools for \$11,000.00 which the Foundation will pay for
- Lampasas Heritage Foundation currently has a quote from Mexico Lindo Artesanias for the concrete tables and benches at \$350 per set
- Lampasas Heritage Foundation currently has a donation from Boyce Cabiness to construct a concrete slab for the relocation of the tractor art exhibit

Boyce Cabiness, LAFTA President, and Tom Welch, LAFTA Treasurer, were present at the Parks Board meeting. Cabiness told the Board that LAFTA is on board with this project, but they would like to see plans for the wading pools and would like to have a say in where to place the tables and chairs.

Board member Blake said she was concerned that if the fence is removed and the moss is cleaned out, that kids would be trying to swim in Hanna Spring when they are not supposed to.

Board member Gradel said that currently, if someone falls in to Hanna Spring, they can't get out.

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that the City will have to check with their insurance provider, Texas Municipal League (TML), to see what they will require regarding the fence around Hanna Spring.

It was the consensus of the Board to honor the wishes of LAFTA when it comes to moving the tractor art exhibit.

Board member Blake moved to accept the proposal for Campbell Park improvements and for the proposal to be presented to City Council. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Jones, Stinnett, Rebando and Bates absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of the minutes dated February 20, 2020

Board member Harrington moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Jones, Stinnett, Rebando and Bates absent)

V. Discussion and updates regarding COVID-19

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed with the Board, updates regarding COVID-19.

Topics of discussion included:

- Eicher told the Board that the City has received a lot of complaints since there is only one pool open this season. Eicher explained to the Board that it takes at least 32 seasonal employees in order to operate both swimming pools, it takes 3 weeks for training and that the City did not receive very many applications for lifeguards this year. Eicher said they are able to operate Hancock Pool with only 10 employees and that all of them were pool employees last year.
- Park Restrooms – using disinfecting foggers to clean restrooms daily

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding Drive-In Circus

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed a possible Drive-In Circus with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Jhonatan Dominguez with Drive-In Circus Live, wants to have a Drive-In Circus at the 580 Sports Complex on July 24-26, 2020
- Circus would be on the west end of 580 Complex and would use the west end entrance
- Cost will be \$35 per car load
- Shows will be approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes long
- Will be featuring acts like:
  - Freestyle Motocross
  - Wheel of Destiny
  - BMX Freestyle
  - Ball of Steel
- This group had shows recently in Brownwood, Comanche and will be in Brady June 18-22, 2020. Eicher told the Board that he reached out to these other cities and they were all very impressed with the group.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Drive-In Circus Live to use the west end of the 580 Sports Complex.

No action was taken.

VII. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, asked the Board to take the Comprehensive Plan updates home to review and to let him know if they have any questions.

VIII. Discussion regarding General Park Maintenance and Community Projects

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed General Park Maintenance and Community Projects with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Spring Ho Festival
- Replacing mulch at playgrounds at W.M. Brook Park and at 580 Sports Complex
- Campbell Park restrooms are complete and open to the public
- Butterfly Garden project is underway and coming along nicely
- TxDOT project at the Airport is complete and came in approximately \$25,000.00 under budget – City will be getting a refund
- PBS show Daytripper will be in Lampasas July 1-2, 2020 – filming at different locations in town on July 2
- Database for Oak Hill Cemetery – link on City website
- Possible Fall Soccer Season – Board member Harrington said they have an upcoming Zoom meeting regarding soccer and that he will update the Board at the next meeting
- Adult Softball season starts June 18, 2020

IX. Items that the Board Members may request to be placed on the next agenda

- Community Garden
- Oak Hill Cemetery database

X. Adjourn

Board member Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Davis and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Jones, Stinnett, Rebando and Bates absent)

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**Robin Gradel, Chairperson**

**Attest:**

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**Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary**