

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, LAMPASAS, TEXAS  
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
302 EAST THIRD STREET  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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  
Tasha Bates  
Diane Davis  
Clay Harrington  
Rick Rebando  
Jim Lindeman

**Parks Board Members Absent:**

Shane Jones  
Harvey Stinnett

**City Staff Present:**

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director  
Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION**

I. Call to order

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

Chairperson Gradel asked City Staff, Board members and guests to introduce themselves.

Guest present: Debbie Reynolds, Lampasas Heritage Foundation

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

There were no citizen comments.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed hiking trail along Sulphur Creek

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed with the Board, a proposed hiking trail along Sulphur Creek. Eicher told the Board that Debbie Reynolds with Lampasas Heritage Foundation, would like to visit with the Board about a proposed hiking trail.

Ms. Reynolds reviewed with following:

- Proposed hiking trail is approximately an 8-mile loop connecting Hanna Spring, Colored School, Church on East Fourth Street and Cooper Springs Nature Park

- Property values would increase approximately 2% to 14%
- Hiking trails provide health benefits

Topics of discussion included:

- 2004 Parks Master Plan included proposed hiking trails from Hancock Park to Campbell Park
- Eicher will check to see if there are proposed hiking trails included in the Comprehensive Plan
- Possible grant opportunities

Board member Blake moved to present the proposed hiking trail to City Council. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Jones and Stinnett absent)

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

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

- V. Discussion and possible action concerning a proposed hike and bike trail at 580 Sports Complex

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed with the Board, a proposed hike and bike trail at the 580 Sports Complex.

Topics of discussion included:

- National Mountain Bike Association (NMBA) is interested in building mountain bike trails at the 580 Sports Complex
- Trails would be for hiking, bikes and horses – no motor powered recreational vehicles
- Approximately 110 acres at 580 Sports Complex – would provide approximately 6 miles of hike and bike trails
- Looking into possibly connecting the trails to West Avenue B which would be approximately 14 miles of hike and bike trails
- Board member Blake noted that she prefers the trails to be the natural lay of the land

Board member Harrington moved to proceed with the proposed hike and bike trail at the 580 Sports Complex. The motion was seconded by Board member Rebando and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Jones and Stinnett absent)

- VI. Discussion and updates regarding COVID-19

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

Topics of discussion included:

- Softball Tournaments
- Rodeo Events
- Any public event on City property, with more than ten people attending, has to be approved by Fire Chief, Jeff Smith, and Mayor Talbert
- Fall Soccer season

#### VII. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that currently he does not have any updates at this time regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Eicher told the Board that the CPAC Committee has started meeting again, so we should have some updates soon.

#### 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:

- Have had preliminary meetings with Wings of Eagles Outreach, LAFTA and SPA Skateparks regarding a proposed skatepark at Campbell Park.
  - Base price approximately \$300,000.00 to \$700,000.00 per SPA Skateparks
  - Site visit scheduled for September 28, 2020 with SPA Skateparks
- Have had preliminary meetings with LAFTA regarding proposed location for a pavilion in Campbell Park
  - LAFTA would like to see a 7,000 sq. ft. covered pavilion at Campbell Park
  - Slab and steel for 7,000 sq. ft. covered pavilion would probably be approximately \$250,000.00
  - Water and electricity are already available
- Working on plans for improved parking at Cooper Springs Nature Park with ADA access
- Working on agreement for Community Garden
- Decorative permanent fencing around Hanna Spring will cost approximately \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00
- Working on upgrades to Pilot's Lounge at the Airport
- MEP Assessment for Hostess House is scheduled for September 23, 2020
- Catching up on mowing and weed eating
- Three large pecan trees were struck by lightning during recent storms. Two of the trees are in the park and one of them is in front of Municipal Court.
- Renewing contract with H & H Tree Services for Christmas Lights at W.M. Brook Park
- Scaled down version of Christmas on the Creek is scheduled for December 12, 2020
- Storage sheds for LAFTA and Christmas on the Creek were recently broken into and had things destroyed and stolen
- Working on new Christmas decorations

IX. Items that the Board Members may request to be placed on the next agenda  
There were no items requested to be placed on the next agenda.

X. Adjourn

Board member Blake moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Jones and Stinnett absent)

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

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**Robin Gradel, Chairperson**

**ATTEST:**

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**Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary**