

**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, OCTOBER 15, 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 Vice-Chairperson Shirley Blake presiding:

Parks Board Members Present:

Shirley Blake
Tasha Bates
Jim Lindeman
Diane Davis
Shane Jones
Rick Rebando
Clay Harrington (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Parks Board Members Absent:

Robin Gradel
Harvey Stinnett

City Staff Present:

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

REGULAR SESSION

I. Call to order

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

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

There were no citizen comments.

III. Discussion and possible action concerning Eagle Scout Projects at Cooper Springs Nature Park and Campbell Park

Luke Coonrod and Sammy Saucedo with Eagle Scout Troop 200, presented to the Board, a possible Eagle Scout Project at Cooper Springs Nature Park and Campbell Park.

Topics of discussion included:

- Cooper Springs Nature Park Board has approved the installation of two bat houses in Cooper Springs Nature Park
- LAFTA has approved the installation of two bat houses in Campbell Park
- Importance of bats
 - Bats eat insects
 - Bats help with pollination

- Bat guano can be used as fertilizer
- Bat population has decreased
- Bats migrate, but will return to the same place
- Bat houses would need to be installed on a pole at least 15 ft. high, at least 20 ft. away from trees
- Light blue paint would help keep bat house cool in the summer
- Safety nets for the bats would be installed under bat houses

Board member Harrington arrived at 6:06 p.m.

- Luke Coonrod, Eagle Scout, will maintain bat houses for at least 1 year
- Could possibly use old electric poles to install bat houses on
- Harrell Clary may assist with installing the poles for the Bat houses

Board member Harrington moved to approve the Eagle Scout Project at Cooper Springs Nature Park and Campbell Park. The motion was seconded by Board member Jones and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Gradel and Stinnett absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action concerning proposed Skatepark

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the proposed Skatepark with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Site visit on October 8, 2020 with owner of SPA/Newline Skatepark
 - Campbell Park – great location for a skatepark
 - Skatepark tourism – may be able to utilize HOT Funds
 - Custom designs for park & skaters
- Design Build and Request for Proposals

No action was taken.

V. Discussion and possible action concerning proposed pavilion at Campbell Park

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the proposed pavilion at Campbell Park with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Proposed pavilion – approximately 4,800 sq. ft. 80'x 60'
- Proposed location – North end of Campbell Park near the Community Garden area
- Design Build and Request for Proposals

No action was taken.

VI. Discussion and possible action concerning a possible drive in movie in partnership with Young Life Outreach

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed with the Board, a possible drive in movie in partnership with Young Life Outreach.

Topics of discussion included:

- Possible fundraiser for Young Life Outreach
- City funded events vs. private organization funded events
- Cost of screen rental and movie rental

Board member Lindeman moved to turn down the idea of a drive in movie in partnership with Young Life Outreach. The motion was seconded by Board member Jones and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Gradel and Stinnett absent)

VII. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of the minutes dated September 17, 2020

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

VIII. Discussion and updates regarding COVID-19

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that he does not have any updates at this time regarding COVID-19.

IX. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that he does not have any updates at this time regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

X. 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:

- Working on Christmas decorations
- H & H Tree Services will begin installing Christmas lights in the trees in W.M. Brook Park on October 19, 2020
- Will probably have to replace 40% to 50% of the Christmas lights for the trees in W.M. Brook Park
- Oak Hill Cemetery database
- Parks Department would like to purchase two John Deere mowers leased by Hancock Park Golf Course
 - 2016 John Deere Fairway unit – lease is up and can be purchased for approximately \$9,000.00 – approximately \$70,000.00 new
 - 2016 John Deere Front End Deck mower – lease is up and can be purchased for approximately \$3,900.00 – approximately \$20,000.00 new

XI. 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.

XII. Adjourn

Board member Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Lindeman and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Gradel and Stinnett absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Shirley Blake, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary