

**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, JANUARY 20, 2022
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
Diane Davis
Clay Harrington
Shane Jones
Rick Rebando

Parks Board Members Absent:

Harvey Stinnett
Tasha Bates
Shirley Blake

City Staff Present:

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager
Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director
Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator

REGULAR SESSION

I. Call to order

Chairperson Gradel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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 movies in W.M. Brook Park

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that Mr. James Mercer requested this item be placed on the agenda. Mr. Mercer was unable to attend the meeting so this item was not discussed.

No action was taken.

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding Special Needs playground equipment

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that Sally Bozeman requested this item be placed on the agenda. Ms. Bozeman was unable to attend the meeting so this item was not discussed.

No action was taken.

V. Discussion and possible action regarding story walks in the park

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that he has been working with the Library to place story walks throughout each Park. Eicher explained that there would be 17

pedestals in each Park and they would start with Brook Park first. The story would be changed out each month. Eicher told the Board that this will be the project for the LCRA Steps Forward Program this year.

Board member Jones motioned to approve the story walks project. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Stinnett, Bates, Blake absent)

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding Arts in the Park event

Tina Matney with LAFTA, discussed Arts in the Park event with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Event would be May 7, 2022
- Free to the public
- Family event where kids can do art projects
- There will not be any vendors

Board member Harrington motioned to approve the Arts in the Park event. The motion was seconded by Board member Jones and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Stinnett, Bates, Blake absent)

VII. Discussion and possible action regarding Boots & Blazers Ball

Tina Matney with LAFTA, discussed the Boots & Blazers Ball with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Event would be October 15, 2022
- Catered meal with live music
- Could possibly use the new Pavilion

Board member Jones motioned to approve the Boots & Blazers Ball event. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Stinnett, Bates, Blake absent)

VIII. Discussion and possible action regarding brochure holder for Campbell Park

Tina Matney with LAFTA, discussed having a brochure holder/kiosk at Campbell Park.

Topics of discussion included:

- LAFTA wants to put brochure kiosk(s) at Campbell Park
- LAFTA members will maintain them

It was the consensus of the Board that brochure kiosk(s) at Campbell Park are a good idea.

No action was taken.

IX. Discussion and possible action regarding possible improvements to Hanna Spring

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, and Boyce Cabaniss with LAFTA, discussed with the Board, possible improvements to Hanna Spring.

Topics of discussion included:

- Cabaniss told the Board that the stone mason needs to remove layers of the rock wall – down to the original layer
- Eicher told the Board that the new fence needs to go up as the rock wall comes down, for safety reasons
- Need timeline from stone mason
- Need to order fence materials

No action was taken.

X. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated November 18, 2021

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

XI. Discussion and possible action regarding Board vacancy

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that the Chamber of Commerce has appointed some new Board members and they are trying to find a Board member to fill the vacancy left by Jim Lindeman.

No action was taken.

XII. Discussion and updates regarding COVID-19

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that he doesn't have any new updates at this time.

XIII. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that there is a draft copy of the comprehensive plan implementation action steps for them to take home and review.

XIV. 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:

- Christmas on the Creek event was a success – approximately 270 people participated in sleigh rides
- Rainbow trout – trout are smaller due to driver shortages to feed fish
- Campbell Park Pavilion – currently Chris Harrison is working on excavation for pavilion
- SPA Newline – beginning design phase for skatepark
- LCRA Steps Forward – April 2022
- Commercial Swim – working on pool liner replacement for Hanna Spring Pool
- Seasonal Pool jobs – will be posting for the pool jobs in February
- Irrigation pump for 580 Complex – new pump is currently in Dallas and waiting part
- Milfoil treatment – early spring and then again in June
- W.M. Brook Park playground – replacement slides have been ordered and we do not currently have an estimated time for delivery. The cost to replace both slides that were vandalized/destroyed is \$5,000.00

- W.M. Brook Park was in the Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine for the Christmas lights along Sulphur Creek
- Christmas on the Creek received a \$7,000.00 grant for some of the Christmas decorations (arches)

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

There were no items requested to be placed on the next agenda.

XVI. Adjourn

Board member Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Stinnett, Bates, Blake absent)

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

Robin Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator