

**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, FEBRUARY 17, 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
Harvey Stinnett
Shirley Blake
Tasha Bates (arrived at 6:10p.m.)

Parks Board Members Absent:

Rick Rebando

City Staff Present:

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 6:00 p.m.

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

Gary Price, an Austin resident, told the Board that he really enjoys coming to Hancock Springs free flow pool. Mr. Price suggested possibly limiting amplified music at Hancock Pool, possibly raising admission fees for non-residents and maybe extending the hours at Hancock Pool.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding Special Needs playground equipment

Mindy Pratus, with the Lions Club, and Sally Bozeman, with the Lions Club, told the Board that they would like to possibly do an all-inclusive playground instead of a separate area with Special Needs playground equipment. Pratus told the Board that they would like to maybe see an all-inclusive playground at 580 Sports Complex, or at W.M. Brook Park, if there is enough room. Pratus told the Board that LCRA and Lions Club have a lot of grants available.

It was the consensus of the Board that Lions Club should further research this and then bring their findings and ideas back the Board.

No action was taken.

Board member Bates arrived at 6:10 p.m.

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding possible birthday party event with pony rides and petting zoo at Hancock Park

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed with the Board, a possible birthday party event with pony rides and petting zoo at Hancock Park. Eicher noted that Ms. Rendon was present at the meeting, in case the Board had any questions.

Topics of discussion included:

- Release of liability waivers have been signed
- A copy of liability insurance has been provided
- The event is scheduled for February 19, 2022

Board member Jones moved to approve the request for the birthday party event on February 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando absent)

V. Discussion and possible action regarding possible improvements to Cooper Springs Nature Park entrance

Harrell Clary, Board member of Cooper Spring Nature Park foundation, discussed with the Board, possible improvements to Cooper Springs Nature Park entrance.

Topics of discussion included:

- Updates on improvements
 - Planted mixed grasses and flowers
 - Treated invasive shrubs
 - Chris Oldham will be making modifications to the water gaps – the gates will raise vertically instead of horizontally – to keep deer out
- Proposed improvements
 - Future project – rain water collection tank to use for watering plants around entrance of Nature Park
 - Curbing
 - Bench
 - Planter boxes

Board member Harrington moved to approve the proposed improvements to Cooper Springs Nature Park entrance. The motion was seconded by Board member Jones and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando absent)

Chairperson Gradel moved to Item VIII.

VIII. Discussion and updates concerning improvements at Turner Complex

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, and Chris Harrison, President of the Lampasas Little League Association, discussed with the Board, improvements at Turner Complex.

Eicher advised the Board, that due to a time crunch for the upcoming Little League Season, this item was already presented to City Council on February 14, 2022 and was approved; project not to exceed \$72,650.

Topics of discussion included:

- Lampasas County Youth League Association (LCYLA) had over 500 kids sign up last year verses under 200 the year before
- LCYLA Board put in pads under all the bleachers at Turner Complex so that the City doesn't have to weed-eat under them.
- Scope of this Project – Field and drainage upgrades to HEB Field, Turner Field, Campbell Field and Weeks Field
- April 9, 2022 is opening day

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with field and drainage upgrades at the Turner Complex.

Chairperson Gradel moved back to Item VI.

VI. Discussion and possible action concerning Electrofishing Survey in Sulphur Creek throughout Brook Park

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed with the Board, possible Electrofishing Survey in Sulphur Creek throughout Brook Park.

Board member Davis moved to approve the Electrofishing Survey in Sulphur Creek throughout Brook Park. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando absent)

VII. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated January 20, 2022

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

IX. 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.

X. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

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

XI. 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:

- Hostess House remodel project
- Campbell Park Pavilion project
- Both slides at W.M. Brook Park were replaced today
- Posted seasonal pool positions
- Skatepark Design kick-off meeting on February 22, 2022 at 6pm at Hostess House

- Soccer season – 3 teams
- LAFTA event – Children’s Art Event on May 7, 2022 at Campbell Park

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

- Availability and utilization of HOT Funds

XIII. Adjourn

Board member Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando absent)

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

Robin Gradcl, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator