

**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, MARCH 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
Shirley Blake
Shane Jones
Tasha Bates
Clay Harrington (arrived at 6:14p.m.)

Parks Board Members Absent:

Rick Rebando
Harvey Stinnett

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, 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 6:01 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 Special Needs playground equipment

Since no one from the Lions Club was present, this item was not discussed.

No action was taken.

IV. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated February 17, 2022

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

V. Discussion and possible action concerning Hanna Spring fencing project

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the Hanna Spring fencing project with the Board. Eicher told the Board that the City has engaged a structural engineer to assess the rock wall around Hanna Spring. Eicher explained that we are waiting on the assessment from the engineer to determine our next steps. Eicher told the Board that the rock wall, 3ft below the surface, appears to be stacked limestone with no mortar.

It was the consensus of the Board to put this item on the next agenda.

No action was taken.

VI. Discussion and possible action concerning swimming pool fees

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed swimming pool fees with the Board. Eicher told the Board that our Pool Manager would like to increase wages for lifeguards and would like to raise some pool fees to maybe offset some of the cost.

Topics of discussion included:

- Increased fees could make it harder for people to afford
- Important for community to be able to go and enjoy the pools

Board member Blake moved the leave the pool fees the same as they are currently. The motion was seconded by Board member Jones and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando and Stinnett absent)

VII. Discussion regarding the availability and utilization of HOT funds

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager, discussed with the Board, availability and utilization of HOT funds.

Topics of discussion included:

- Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds have been used for Chamber of Commerce events, Tourism Development and Christmas on the Creek event
- Collected about eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00) worth of HOT funds in 2013
- Collected about two hundred even thousand dollars (\$207,000.00) worth of HOT funds in 2021
- HOT funds are used to attract tourism

Board member Harrington arrived at 6:14 p.m.

- Since 2017, we have spent over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) at Turner Complex

VIII. 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.

IX. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager, told the Board that Comprehensive Plan yielded about 6 different categories/goals and then they try to break those down into action steps. deGraffenried told the Board that there has been some interest connectivity/trails and also on the Parks Master 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:

- Pavilion – slab has been poured and it will probably be about 10 days before they begin going vertical
- Turner Complex – dirt work will be started this week and then after the Little League season is over, they will do the sod and irrigation
- Lighting at Turner Complex – is on CIP list
- Brook Park parking – is on CIP list
- 580 Complex parking – is on CIP list
- Electro Fishing survey – Texas Parks & Wildlife will be doing this & it is at no cost to the City
- Jr. Rodeo at 580 Arena – March 18-19, 2022
- Riata Roundup and LTX BBQ cook-off at 580 Complex- April 28-30, 2022
- LAFTA event – Children’s Art Event on May 7, 2022 at Campbell Park
- Turned on irrigation at Turner Complex yesterday and didn’t have any leaks
- Bidding for Hostess House structural upgrades may start as early as this month

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

- Special Needs playground equipment
- Hanna Spring fencing project

XII. Adjourn

Board member Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Davis and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando and Stinnett absent)

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

Robin Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator