

**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, APRIL 21, 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
Shirley Blake
Shane Jones
Harvey Stinnett
Tasha Bates (arrived at 6:11p.m.)

Parks Board Members Absent:

Rick Rebando
Clay Harrington
Diane Davis

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 6:11 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 regarding possible Drive-in Circus event

Since no one from the Drive-in Circus was present, this item was not discussed.

No action was taken.

V. Discussion and possible action regarding possible movie in the park and crawfish boil

GINNEFER COOK and Lucy Hernandez, discussed with the Board, a possible movie in the park and crawfish boil event. Ms. Cook and Ms. Hernandez told the Board that Lonestar Social Services would like to host a fundraiser event at W.M. Brook Park on June 11, 2022, to help with the remodeling of Lonestar Hospital in San Saba, Texas.

Topics of discussion included:

- All proceeds from this event would go to Lonestar Hospital in San Saba, TX

- Vendors - \$25 per vendor
- Catered Crawfish - \$10 per plate – no cooking on site
- Cotton Candy - \$2
- Drinks - \$2
- Movie will be free
- Free popcorn
- Face painting
- Petting zoo

Board member Jones motioned to move forward with planning this event, pending City Council’s approval. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando, Harrington and Davis absent)

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding old playground equipment

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that we have received several inquiries about the old playground equipment that is at the old water plant. Eicher explained to the Board that if the City wants to sell it, it would have to be placed on GovDeals.

Board member Jones moved to place the old playground equipment on GovDeals. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando, Harrington and Davis absent)

VII. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated March 17, 2022

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

VIII. 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 Terrence Ortiz, with LOC Structural Engineers, reviewed the existing stone wall surrounding Hanna Spring per the City’s request. Eicher explained that based on the review by Mr. Ortiz, the existing stone wall is not suitable to support the column bases of the proposed fence since the mortared stone top is considered too loose for proper bolt anchorage. Eicher told the Board that Mr. Ortiz’s recommendation is to build the fence just outside of the stone wall.

No action was taken.

IX. Discussion and possible action regarding the Skatepark

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that the virtual meeting scheduled with SPA Skateparks for May 19 was postponed. Eicher told the Board that SPA Skateparks suggested that the City maybe have local contractors bid on the dirt work and site prep to possibly help reduce some of the costs.

No action was taken.

X. Discussion and possible action concerning Board vacancy

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, and Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator, told the Board that Tasha Bates is now on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Tower explained that the Chamber would like for Tasha Bates to be the Chamber's representative since she is already on the Parks Board.

Board member Blake moved to make Board member Bates the Chamber's representative. The motion was seconded by Board member Stinnett and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando, Harrington and Davis absent)

XI. 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. 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:

- Trail of Tails pedestals were installed in W.M. Brook Park on April 1st
- Electro fishing survey was done on April 12
- LAMCO began standing steel on April 13 for the Campbell Park Pavilion
- Pool Season – pools will open Memorial Day weekend
- Little League Season – have approximately 600 kids playing this year
- Soccer – playing at 580 Complex and at Gavin Garrett
- Vagrants camping in the City Parks
- Riata Round Up & LTX BBQ Cook-off at 580 Complex April 28-30
- LAFTA event – Art in the Park for Kids on May 7 at Campbell Park
- Kid Fish event – first weekend in June

XIV. 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.

XV. Adjourn

Board member Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Stinnett and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando, Harrington and Davis absent)

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

Robin Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator