

**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, AUGUST 18, 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:

Shirley Blake
Diane Davis
Robin Gradel
Shane Jones
Harvey Stinnett
Tasha Bates (arrived at 6:01 p.m.)

Parks Board Members Absent:

Rick Rebando
Clay Harrington

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 6:00p.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 possible fitness equipment in W.M. Brook Park

Chris Eicher, Parks Director, along with Lions Club members; Mindi Pratus, Kelsi Davis and Pam Hunter, discussed possible fitness equipment with the Board.

Eicher explained to the Board that he met with Lions Club members at W.M. Brook Park last week and due to vagrants in the park, they all agreed that 580 Complex would be a better location for fitness equipment instead of W.M. Brook Park.

Topics of discussion included:

- Mindi Pratus reviewed the proposed fitness equipment project at 580 Complex
- Approximately \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollar) project – grant funds are available and Lions Club also has some money on hand for this project
- Need to figure out how much material is needed and shape of trail (about a mile worth of trail)
- Vendor – Beyond the Ordinary
- Some of the fitness equipment may be ADA, but not all of it

- Lions Club will present design to the Board at future meeting
- Lions Club is not asking the City for any money for this project at this time
- May need some lighting, water fountains and maybe a restroom close by

Board member Jones moved to support the Lions Club moving forward with design phase of fitness equipment project. The motion was seconded by Board member Davis and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando and Harrington absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding possible Splash Pad

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that Jackie Baltrun was unable to attend this evening, but that he could give a brief update on possible Splash Pad.

Topics of discussion included:

- Texas Municipal League (TML), the City's insurance carrier, has new regulations for splash pads due recent deaths caused by brain eating amoebas
- Water for splash pads will have to be treated and will have to circulate

Board member Stinnett moved to put Splash Pad on the next Parks Board Agenda. The motion was seconded by Board member Jones and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando and Harrington absent)

V. Discussion and possible action regarding possible raised garden beds at Community Garden

Chris Eicher, Parks Director, and Janet Crozier, Lampasas Community Gardens, discussed with the Board, possible raised garden beds at the Community Garden.

Topics of discussion included:

- Eicher explained that the City could possibly extend walkway down to Community Garden and then the Community Garden could make build ADA raised garden beds inside the garden.
- Ms. Crozier has received quotes from Canales Dibble and TJ Wright for this project
- Ms. Crozier explained that they have applied for the LCRA grant and have passed the first leg of the grant process and should know for sure in the next 6 weeks or so.
- Ms. Crozier explained that First Texas Bank has offered to donate \$5,000 towards the raised garden beds

Board member Jones moved to moved forward with this project, pending City Council's approval. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando and Harrington absent)

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding reservations for Campbell Park Pavilion

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed with the Board, reservations for Campbell Park Pavilion.

Topics of discussion included:

- Signage – Pavilion use by reservations only

- Possible signage at the entrance of Campbell Park as well

It was the consensus of the Board that there should be signage at Campbell Park stating Pavilion use by reservations only.

There was no action taken.

VII. Discussion and possible action concerning Hanna Spring fencing project

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the Hanna Spring fencing project with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Only one sealed bid was received for Removal of Hanna Springs Above Grade Rock Wall and it will be presented to City Council on August 22, 2022
- Chris Eicher told the Board that he recommends an alternative option - a viewing platform. A viewing platform would allow people to safely view Hanna Spring and it would not compromise the rock wall or the Spring.

Board member Blake moved to not remove the rock wall at all. The motion was seconded by Board member Jones and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando and Harrington absent)

VIII. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated June 16, 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 and Harrington absent)

IX. 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.

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:

- Spring Ho went well other than it was extremely hot
- Skatepark – Topo was done this week and need to get started on pad work by September 13, 2022
- Story walk pedestals vandalized
- Dry weather has slowed down the mowing
- Some proposed budget items for FY 22-23
 - New pool liner for Hanna Springs Pool
 - New truck for Cemetery
 - New tractor for Parks Dept.
- End of pool season

- Both pools stayed busy all summer (at capacity most of the time)
- LAFTA event – October 15th Boots & Blazers Ball at Campbell Park– Rick Trevino will be playing
- LAFTA – new sculptures – 6 new pieces
- Fall Festival on the Square – October 8th
- Lampasas County Area Go-Texan BBQ Cook-off/Concert – October 7th-8th at 580 Complex
- Little League- Chris Harrison has stepped down as President and Cody Leach has been named Interim President for Little League Assoc.

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

- Splash pad

XII. Adjourn

Board member Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Stinnett and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Rebando and Harrington absent)

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

Robin Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator