

**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, SEPTEMBER 15, 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  
Tasha Bates

**Parks Board Members Absent:**

Rick Rebando  
Clay Harrington  
Harvey Stinnett

**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 at 580 Sports Complex

Chris Eicher, Parks Director, along with Lions Club member, Mindi Pratus, discussed possible fitness equipment with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Approx. ¾ mile distance path
- Approx. \$27,800.00 for equipment - Lions Club would be responsible for the cost
- Approx. \$12,000.00 for fall zone - Lions Club would be responsible for the cost
- Proposed design and location

Board member Jones moved to approve this proposed design and location for Fitness Equipment at 580 Complex. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Harrington, Rebando and Stinnett absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding possible Splash Pad

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, along with Kiwanis Club member, Jackie Baltrun, discussed possible Splash Pad with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Kiwanis Club is interested in doing a splash pad project, but it wouldn't be the kind with chlorine injections
- New regulations for splash pads require water to be treated and has to circulate

Board member Jones moved to table this item. The motion was seconded by Board member Davis and with a vote of 4 in favor and one abstention (Bates), the motion carried

V. Discussion and possible action regarding possible improvements in Cooper Spring Nature Park

Harrell Clary, Cooper Spring Nature Park Board member, discussed with the Board, some possible improvements in Cooper Spring Nature Park.

Topics of discussion included:

- Reviewed development and maintenance work
- Discussed proposed future projects
  - Signs designating trail names
  - Bicycle rack at front entry
  - Pet waste stations
  - Cooper Spring Nature Park metal sign on new limestone bench
  - Rainfall collection system on entry building (tank modified to resemble steam locomotive water fill tank)
  - Covered observation deck on railroad trestle over Spring Branch
  - Paving parking area
  - Foot bridge across Spring Branch to access southern part of Park
  - Information signs at entry
    - ❖ Park rules
    - ❖ History and vision for Park
    - ❖ Map of trails
    - ❖ Photos of things to look for in the Park
  - Wall to recognize donor gifts
  - Continued plant seeding projects
  - Continued management of invasive species
  - Trail maintenance and improvements

Mr. Clary told the Board that they would like to be considered in future budget process to request possible funds to put towards some of these projects.

Board member Jones Board moved to present this list of proposed projects for Cooper Spring Nature Park for future budget consideration. The motion was seconded by Board member Davis and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Harrington, Rebando and Stinnett absent)

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding Board vacancy

Chris Eicher, Parks Director, told the Board that there is an At Large position on the Parks Board that is currently vacant and that we have provided them with copies of the applications that we received.

Board member Jones moved to nominate Mindi Pratus to fill the At Large vacancy on the Parks Board. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Harrington, Rebando and Stinnett absent)

VII. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated August 18, 2022

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

VIII. 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.

IX. 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:

- Vandals that have been destroying the Parks have been caught
- Mowing and weed eating
- Slabs for new sculptures at Campbell Park are complete
- Hanna Spring fencing is scheduled to begin in the next two weeks
- Hostess House remodel project
- Skatepark design
- Large Hackberry tree at Campbell Park is about to split in half – going to have to have it removed
- Upgrading sewer line from Turner Complex over to lift station
- Rodeo event at 580 Complex this weekend
- “Guardian of the Riches” sculpture going in at Campbell Park
- Boots & Blazers Ball – October 15, 2022 at Campbell Park
- Butterfly Sculpture is getting a face lift (re-painted) at no cost to us
- Indian Artifact show this weekend
- Squared Silly – October 29, 2022
- Fall Festival on the Downtown Square- October 8, 2022

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

- Fitness Equipment at 580 Complex

XI. Adjourn

Board member Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Harrington, Rebando and Stinnett absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Robin Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator