

**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, JANUARY 19, 2023
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
Shane Jones
Tasha Bates
Clay Harrington
Robin Gradel

Parks Board Members Absent:

Harvey Stinnett
Mindi Pratus

City Staff Present:

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager
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)

There were no citizen comments.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding design planning and location of fitness equipment at 580 Sports Complex

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager, told the Board that Mindi Pratus was going to work on getting the design plan for the fitness equipment. Since Mindi Pratus was unable to attend the meeting this evening, this item was not discussed further.

There was no action was taken.

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding possible Disc Golf course

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager, discussed possible Disc Golf course with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Reviewed proposed layout of course – 9 of the 18 holes have been laid out so far
- Will need to put together future maintenance costs

There was no action taken.

V. Discussion and possible action regarding tennis court lighting

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager, and Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator, discussed tennis court lighting with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Tennis court lights come on at night but they are pretty dim
- Tennis courts are being used quite a bit in the evenings

Since Mindi Pratus requested this item to be placed on the agenda, and she was unable to attend the meeting this evening, this item was not discussed further.

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

There was no action taken.

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding 2023 Boots and Blazers Ball

Robin Gradel, LAFTA member, discussed the 2023 Boots and Blazers Ball with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Boots & Blazers Ball – October 14, 2023. They will begin setting up on October 11
- LAFTA will be submitting Special Event Application for this event
- 2022 Boots & Blazers Ball was a huge success – had over 300 people attend

Board member Shane moved to approve the 2023 Boots and Blazers Ball event. The motion was seconded by Board member Harrington and with a vote of five in favor and one abstention, (Gradel), the motion carried. (Stinnett and Pratus absent)

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

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

VIII. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager, told the Board that the City submitted the TA Application this morning to TxDOT for mobility/connectivity trails.

IX. Discussion regarding General Park Maintenance and Community Projects

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager, and Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator, discussed General Park Maintenance and Community Projects with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Skatepark – pad is complete and SPA is scheduled to begin forming and prepping for concrete on 1-18-23

- Hostess House – Had a pre-bid meeting at the Hostess House on 1-17-23. Bids are due 2-14-23 and will be presented to City Council on 2-27-23. Staff has some concerns that the project could possibly interfere with the pool season / pool operations.
- Hike & Bike Trails at 580 Complex – Shannon Martin has approached Staff with new interest in possibly expanding and/or improving the Hike & Bike trails at 580 Complex.
- Pedestrian Bridge along Western Street – Staff has reached out to contractors for quotes to rehab the small pedestrian bridge near Hanna Springs School. We should be receiving quotes within the next couple of weeks.
- All park restrooms were damaged during the freeze – repairs should be complete by next week. Staff is getting quotes for possible installation of propane heaters in the park restrooms.
- Christmas on the Creek event was a huge success
- Surveillance trailers – footage of vandalism to Christmas decorations
- Working with Commercial Swim to determine best option for Hanna Springs Pool liner replacement
- Tree trimming
- Youth sports are scheduled to begin in February
- New truck for cemetery
- Texas Parks and Wildlife released 1600 rainbow trout in Sulphur Creek on 1-5-23 – people came from all over Central Texas to fish
- Lochow Pond Management will be back in early spring for follow up on milfoil treatments

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

- Tennis court lighting

XI. Adjourn

Board member Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Stinnett and Pratus absent)

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

Robin Gradcl, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator