

**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 25, 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  
Robin Gradel  
Mindi Pratus  
Shane Jones  
Diane Davis  
Clay Harrington  
Tasha Bates

**Parks Board Members Absent:**

Harvey Stinnett

**City Staff Present:**

Ryan Ward, Assistant 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.

Chairperson Gradel moved to Item IV.

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding possible Lampasas County Area Go Texan BBQ Cook-off and concert at the 580 Sports Complex October 13-14, 2023

Tina Loeffler with Lampasas County Area Go Texan, discussed with the BBQ Cook-off event with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Lampasas County Area Go Texan Annual BBQ event -- October 13-14, 2023 at the 580 Sports Complex
- There will not be a concert this year
- They will be also be doing kids-BBQ competition this year

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

Chairperson Gradel moved back to Item III.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding possible Disc Golf course and the multi-use trail system at the 580 Sports Complex

Shannon Martin, local resident, discussed with the Board, the multi-use trail system at the 580 Sports Complex.

Topics of discussion included:

- Volunteer group has raised enough money for the design of 6 miles of multi-use trails at 580 Complex
- Currently there are about 5 miles of trails and targeting 8 miles
- Trails are for hike & bike – there would be a few trails exclusively for bikes though
- Trails would not interfere with the Disc Golf Course at 580 Complex
- No cost to the City at this point
- Disc Golf – low maintenance
- Signage along trails

Board member Harrington moved to approve moving forward with design phase of the multi-use trail system at the 580 Sports Complex. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Stinnett absent)

V. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2024 Eclipse

Ryan Ward, Assistant City Manager, and Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the 2024 Eclipse with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Staff has been meeting almost weekly to discuss/plan for the 2024 Eclipse
- Town Hall meetings
- Predicting 100k people in Lampasas for the 2024 Eclipse
- Possible viewing locations
- City facilities & properties
- Public Safety concerns
- Budget preparations
- Message Boards for traffic
- Traffic delays / traffic jams
- Predicting limited cell service
- Porta Potties
- Sculptures in Campbell Park
- Eclipse website

There was no action taken.

VI. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated March 16, 2023

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

VII. 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.

VIII. 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:

- LAFTA event – kids art in the park went well
- Riata Roundup
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Born to Soar Event at Skatepark
- Senior Citizen Building repairs
- Little League
- 2023 Pool Season
- Adjusted lights at tennis courts
- Ready to stripe courts for Pickleball
- April 22, 2023 – Cooper Spring dedication
- Need shade cover for playground at 580 Complex
- Lights at Turner Complex – lights are being turned on too early and are overheating
- Security Cameras

IX. 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.

X. Adjourn

Board member Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Blake and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (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**