

**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, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
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
Diane Davis
Clay Harrington
Shane Jones
Rick Rebando
Tasha Bates

Parks Board Members Absent:

Harvey Stinnett

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, 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 6:02 p.m.

II. Open forum for citizen comments and questions (limited to five (5) minutes per person)

Sally Bozeman with the Lions Club, told the Board that they have \$20,000.00 that they would like to put towards playground equipment for Special Needs. Ms. Bozeman would like to present this at the next Parks Board meeting.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding movies in W.M. Brook Park

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that Mr. James Mercer requested this item be placed and the agenda. Mr. Mercer was unable to attend the meeting so this item was not discussed.

No action was taken.

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding possible improvements to Hanna Spring

Debbie Reynolds with Lampasas Heritage Foundation, Andy Fish with Lampasas Heritage Foundation, Boyce Cabaniss with LAFTA, Randy McGuire, and Clydell Wallace with Lampasas County Historical Commission, discussed possible improvements to Hanna Spring.

Topics of discussion included:

- Boyce Cabaniss reviewed some old photos of Hanna Spring
- Lampasas Heritage Foundation, LAFTA and Lampasas County Historical Commission would like to see the wall around Hanna Spring lowered to its original height and then add a decorative fence.
 - A local Stone Mason could saw out pieces of the existing wall to lower it without damaging original layer
 - Lampasas Heritage Foundation, LAFTA and Lampasas County Historical Commission have changed their minds about building wading pools at Hanna Spring - they wish to focus on the historical aspect of Hanna Spring – restoration and rehabilitation of the Spring instead

Board member Harrington motioned to move this along and present it to City Council. The motion was seconded by Board member Davis and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Stinnett absent)

V. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes dated August 19, 2021

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

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding Board vacancy

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that the Chamber of Commerce is in the process of appointing new Board members and as of now, none of their current Board is able to fill the vacancy left by Jim Lindeman.

No action was taken.

VII. Discussion and possible action regarding possible improvements at Hancock Park

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, told the Board that as part of the Hwy 281 South expansion project, TxDOT will be moving the entrance to Hancock Park. The new entrance will be further south near the Assisted Living facility. We will also be losing a couple of trees and 2 of the rock picnic tables. TxDOT will replace the picnic tables though.

No action was taken.

VIII. 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.

IX. Discussion and updates regarding Comprehensive Plan

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager, told the Board that the City Council approved the Comprehensive Plan in April 2021. deGraffenried explained that City Council has decided to start with some short-term objectives to implement.

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:

- Campbell Park Pavilion – Chris Harrison should be starting dirt work late January to early February
- Skatepark project – we have an executed agreement with SPA Skateparks
- Christmas lights in Brook Park are 90% complete
- Hostess House remodel project
 - Structural phase FY21-22
 - Design phase FY22-23 – Winter of 2022 to Spring of 2023
 - Soft costs approximately 1.3 million
- Milfoil – after 2 treatments, it is gone
- Carol of Lights -- December 4, 2021
- Christmas on the Creek event – December 11, 2021
- Fuel pump at the airport has been out for 8-9 months now and is finally up and running
- Moved dumpsters out of the parks and putting them at the City barn – due to illegal dumping

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager, told the Board that the New Hope Baptist Church adjacent to the Colored School now belongs to the City of Lampasas, the deed has been conveyed to the City. The Church has a very small and aging congregation that wants to make sure the Church is preserved. The Church is a complimentary asset to the Colored School, especially since there are no restrooms at the Colored School.

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

- Playground equipment for Special Needs

XII. Adjourn

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

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

Robin Gradel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vicki Tower, Parks Secretary/HR Coordinator