

Brookland Parks Committee Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2021 @ 6:00 pm
613 Holman at Brookland City Hall

- 6:00 Meeting called to order by President David Loggins. Members present were David Loggins, President, Julie Thomas, Secretary, Sharon Hopkins, Justin Ladd, Bobby Bishop, Mayor Jones, and Jason MacDonald (of Fisher Arnold.)
- 6:02 Minutes from November's meeting were presented. Motion by Justin Ladd to approve November's minutes as presented. Second by Bobby Bishop. Minutes approved.
- 6:03 Jason MacDonald presented an updated proposal for the Sportsplex Park. Revisions included having (3) larger baseball/softball fields and (2) smaller fields instead of a total of (4) large fields. The plan also included soccer field markings in the outfield of each of the 3 large fields in order to incorporate soccer games at the sportsplex. Jason and the committee discussed several of the other changes to the updated plan, including the addition of the Brookland Municipal Building that will occupy approximately 2 acres of land in the sportsplex park. There was discussion about a proposed paved spot for food trucks to occupy during tournaments, different suggestions for what to include in the concession stand/restroom building, as well as discussion about other minor parts of the proposed plan. Overall, the committee agreed that they liked the updated plan and the change from (4) fields to (5).
- 6:30 The committee continued to discuss the possibility of field arrangement/number of fields. Sharon Hopkins brought up the addition of misting stations around the park. The committee agreed this would be beneficial if it can be done.
- 6:34 Justin Ladd discussed the number of pavilions and presented ideas for different locations around the park. David Loggins asked about exercise equipment stations around the park. Mayor Jones replied that the plan was to include them.
- 6:37 Julie Thomas discussed the possibility of creating a "Needs vs. Wants List" in order to prioritize the different components of the park, especially in light of rising costs of materials, etc. The team agreed that could be completed and David Loggins started the list.
- 6:43 Discussion continued about various features of the park and what should be prioritized. Things mentioned were the concession stand, a meeting room, naming rights for fields, signage, and the addition of a maintenance shed. The committee also discussed possibilities for what types of beverages to include at the park.
- 7:15 Justin Ladd presented an idea for the committee to take a trip to similar parks around the region/state to get ideas for things, including the concession stand/restroom building. The committee agreed this would be helpful. Justin Ladd agreed to do some research into other similar type parks that the committee could visit around the region.
- 7:21 Motion by Sharon Hopkins to dismiss. Second by Julie Thomas. Meeting adjourned.