

Brookland Parks Committee Meeting 6/21/2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman David Loggins.

Roll was called as follows: Sharon Hopkins, Justin Ladd and David Loggins were all present. Bobby Bishop and Julie Thomas were absent.

Mayor Kenneth Jones was also in attendance.

Last month's minutes from the public meeting were read and a motion was made by Sharon Hopkins to accept the minutes. Justin Ladd seconded the motion.

David discussed the passage of the bond and that all 5 items on the ballot passed. We are now able to proceed. Mayor Jones stated we are now in a 30 day waiting period to see if anyone goes to court to contest the election. Once we are past that point, it will take approximately 10 days to prepare paperwork, the ordinances and resolutions to prepare for the sale of the bonds. Then once the city does that the Friday firm will sell the bonds. Then we have approximately another 30 day waiting period.

Jason MacDonald with Fisher-Arnold was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. He did provide us with tentative designs for the sports complex and the two parks.

As we were looking over the tentative designs, David asked if there was anything we would like to see added to them. We discussed the possibility of a small skate park area; possibly making the retention pond a fishing pond; possibly adding a splash pad; possibly adding bike trails. Mention was also made of having a Veterans memorial along the walking trail.

Justin asked if we could possibly get some other designs for the sports complex to look over before a final design decision is made. We all

agreed that was a good idea to have some for comparison. He and Mayor Jones both mentioned Burns Park in LR has 5 fields so maybe we could see a design of that nature. We all agreed we need to make the best possible maximum use of the 50 acres we have to build upon. Fields will be interchangeable. Mayor Jones said if at all possible he'd like to see the main fields be maintenance free. Justin asked if there will be individuals hired to maintain the fields. Mayor Jones stated the city will have to hire one, possibly two, individuals for the maintenance of the parks and complex.

David asked if any of the parks or the playground at the complex will be ADA accessible. Mayor Jones replied that the two small parks are required to be ADA accessible and he hopes the playground at the complex will also be ADA accessible. It will depend on cost and the budget.

Once again it was mentioned that the park at Nelms and E. Matthews will have a community safe room. Thus, providing one on each side of the train tracks.

David asked if there were any other questions or ideas from anyone. There were none.

David stated next meeting will be Monday, July 19 at 6:00pm.

Justin made a motion to adjourn at 6:28pm. Motion was seconded by Sharon. David adjourned the meeting.