

Brookland Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

08/16/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Present: Bobby Bishop, Justin Ladd, David Loggins. Sharon Hopkins, Julie Thomas came in 5 minutes after meeting began because of work schedule.

Motion made to accept July 19, 2021 minutes as written by Justin Ladd and seconded by Bishop.

6:03 recognized Jason MacDonald with Fisher-Arnold. Mr. Arnold presented new concepts for both parks located within the city, with estimated costs. He spoke about cost and potentially to be more or less at time of construction. Mr. Arnold went over the grants, process, and time frame.

Wilson Shipman asked about the retention pond that is located by the park at Nelms. Mr. MacDonald stated that the pond is already there and at this time did not have any flooding issues.

Mr. Bishop commented on the cost of tree removal and was informed that this is just a rough estimate.

Mr. Ladd asked when the grants would be heard. Mr. MacDonald gave more details about the selection of applications to be presented to the committee. From that, the committee will decide what applications will be presented before the committee.

Mr. Shipman asked about using older equipment from other parks to help with cost. Older equipment cannot be used because of liability and used equipment is uninsurable.

Mr. Shipman asked about surfacing and we discussed the different types of surfacing with the main being the poured in rubber surfacing.

Justin Ladd made a comment about tennis courts and the school discussing tennis courts to take over the current little league ball fields. Once the sports complex is complete the school would like to turn those fields in to tennis courts.

Mayor Jones brought up the new census numbers and the new population is 4,064 people. In comparison, when the special census was done in 2014 the population was 2,914 people and in 2010 the population was 1,632.

Mayor Jones asked if the committee had thought about what age group the parks were geared towards and the members thought toddler to around age 12.

Ms. Hopkins stated that someone made a comment about cooling stations at the parks with misting fans around the sitting areas. Members believe this is a great idea.

Mr. Ladd introduce Ronnie, who is president of baseball in our area, and wanted everyone to know the importance of the complex and what it means to our community.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 6:40pm by Bobbie Bishop and seconded by Sharon Hopkins.