



Brookland Parks Committee
613 Holman Street
Brookland, Arkansas 72417
Brookland City Hall

Date and Time of Meeting: 7/18/2022 6:05 PM
Type of Meeting: Regular

Committee Members Present: David Loggins, Julie Thomas, Justin Ladd, Sharon Hopkins,
Absent: Bobby Bishop
Others Present: Mayor Kenneth Jones, Jason Cooper (City Council Member)

Meeting called to order at: 6:05 pm
Called by: David Loggins

Motion by: Sharon Hopkins
Second by: Julie Thomas
To: Approve meeting minutes from June 2022
Motion passed
For: 4
Against: 0

6:06 David Loggins discussed the need for the Parks Committee to begin the process of creating bylaws, establishing criteria for conducting future meetings, setting deadlines for community requests to add to formal agenda, and more. David continued by explaining a way for the Parks Committee to possibly use and modify current bylaws for the city council.

6:07 Mayor Jones updated the committee about the progress on the two smaller city parks. Jones said he recently spoke with Jason MacDonald (Fisher & Arnold). Plans for the small parks are completed and have been sent to AR Dept. of Parks and Tourism for approval. The plans for the Sportsplex Park are nearly completed. Fisher & Arnold will attend an upcoming Parks Committee meeting soon to finalize. After finalization of plans is complete, bids will be sent out to begin dirt work on the park.

6:09 David Loggins discussed the need to transfer \$50,000 from the Sportsplex budget to go towards playground equip for the two smaller city parks. Loggins mentioned the committee will decide on a final amount when Fisher & Arnold attend a future meeting. Justin Ladd asked about the ability to move money from the sportsplex budget to the smaller parks. Mayor Jones said around \$35,000 was saved from allowing Mr. Grimes to do dirt work, so this will help the financial impact of that transfer.

6:12 Sharon Hopkins asked about a prior committee discussion regarding themes for the smaller parks. Discussion among members was that there are currently not enough funds to design themed parks. David Loggins discussed once parks are approved by the AR Dept. of Parks and Tourism council, the committee had some options on fundraising to make additions,

if wanted. Hopkins also asked about applying for a TAPS grant this year. Loggins replied that Jason (F&A) will apply for one next year once the parks have been constructed.

6:16 Discussion continued about costs for the sportsplex. Julie Thomas mentioned an idea for future fundraising opportunities by offering different levels of giving and naming rights depending on different costs of various park items.

Motion by: Julie Thomas

Second by: Justin Ladd

To: Adjourn at 6:25 pm

Motion passed

For: 4

Against: 0