



Minutes
City of Flatonia Parks Committee
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2023

Present:

Chair Valerie Targac
Ginny Sears
Shawn Bruns
City Manager Sonya Bishop
City Secretary Jacqueline Ott

Absent

Vice Chair Stephanie Brazill

Opening Agenda

Call to order Committee Chair Targac called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Citizen Participation

Citizen Annie Pryor spoke on her ongoing dispute on property lines with the City of Flatonia and her building in Central Memorial Park.

Consent Agenda

C1. Committee member Sears motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 23, 2023. Committee member Bruns seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

D1. The committee discussed the new driveway at McWhirter Park. Committee member Bruns expressed concern over the dual entry on game days. After talking, it was decided to monitor activity at the first game and then determine if a one-way sign should be installed.

D2. The committee discussed the lighting previously installed at Central Memorial Park. The lighting was pulled up because the lights were of poor quality and didn't serve the intended purpose. Utility Director Pavlas has found a solution, and an anonymous donor will cover the cost. Regarding the park name, the original name is Central Park, but was changed when families began planting memorial trees in remembrance of lost loved ones. Now that the park is full and there is no room for additional memorial trees, Committee member Sears would like to look into reverting to the original name for the park. The committee discussed speaking with the memorial tree families to ensure they are comfortable with the change before proceeding.

D3. The committee discussed adding a little league field at 7 Acre Park. The field is planned to be located near the new driveway with the Homeplate near the Rotary bench by the water tower. The walking path will need to be slightly altered in order to fit the field. The

backstop will be constructed first, then the dugout and lighting last, as funds become available. The city will need to come to an agreement with the Little League administration for construction and operation.

- D4.** The committee discussed the transference of the softball field at McWhirter Park from the city to the school district. The Little League still plans to update the bullpen to allow better drainage.
- D5.** The committee discussed the restrooms being built at 7 Acre Park. Committee member Sears talked about the construction issues and stated the work has been stopped. She stated the issue will be taken up at the next EDC meeting.
- D6.** The committee discussed the swimming pool repairs at McWhirter Park. Committee member Sears said the repairs went over budget, but EDC covered the difference. Chair Targac requested we compare the cost of Red Cross certification versus NASCO certification, which is meant for shallow water. Lifeguard and swimming pool decisions will be on the next agenda on February 28, 2024. Committee member Sears mentioned Mike Schultz wants to plant a tree near the splash pad.
- D7.** The committee discussed repainting the stripes on the basketball court at McWhirter Park. Committee member Bruns mentioned the parking lot also needs to be repainted. Committee member Stavinoha said she has a good referral for a painter and will contact him to determine if he is interested in bidding for the job.
- D8.** The committee discussed putting up a Christmas tree next to the City Hall gazebo. Committee member Sears said the Rotary Club plans to add one and will coordinate with the school for decorations. It will be up in time for the lighting of the Christmas Village on November 29, 2023.

Adjournment

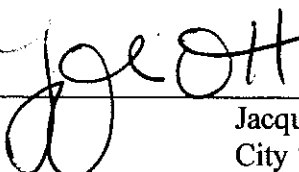
Committee member Sears motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Bruns seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Signed



Valerie Targac
Chair

Attest



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary

