

City of Lamar Park Board

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2023

Present: Theresa Davis, Ann Kelley, Donna Arnold, Kara Moyer, Rodney Evans, Heidi Johnson, Rick Oeltjen

Next meeting: Monday, August 7, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

1. Safety Briefing

No weather threats, first aid kit and AED located between bathrooms, Mayor Oeltjen will call 911 if necessary, Identified exits.

2. Agenda Approved

3. Review of Minutes

Approved with the correction of spelling of Ann Kelley's name.

4. Committee Business

- a. Mayor Oeltjen discussed the purpose of the committee. Goal is to improve parks, lake, Moore Pavilion and Thiebaud Auditorium.
- b. Appointment of chair tabled until next meeting.
- c. Park Board Committees are Flowers/Shrubs/Lanscaping, Trees, Signs/Parking/Streets and Buildings/Playground Equipment. Assignment of committee members tabled until next meeting.

5. Parks & Rec Director Report

100th Anniversary was a success. No major incidents. All the food truck vendors and people attending were very happy with the event. Most bills have been paid and cost was under \$10,000.

Parks master plan was approved in budget. We will be seeking bids to choose a company to do that.

Mowing is slowing down due to the drought. Though there is still much work to be done with weedeating, fixing picnic tables, weeding flower beds, clearing brush and various other tasks.

There are five seasonal workers working in the park this summer.

Still working on a manual for a volunteer program for the whole Parks & Rec program.

6. Mayoral Report

Budget was approved for the fiscal year. \$215,850 was approved for capital improvements for the Park Fund. Some of these include resealing the trail, Moore Pavilion fans, LED lighting for basketball courts, Ventrak, UTV, new scoreboards. Full budget will be sent to Park Board members.

In the June City Council meeting it was approved to solicit bids for landscaping at City Hall and the square.

Removal of the old fuel facility from BNSF property across from the Aquatic Park

Are in discussions with BNSF on mowing the right of way next to the park.

Discussed plans and ideas for the Aquatic Park. The indoor pool is not salvageable. Is becoming more convinced that the outdoor pool is not either. Discussed ideas for a pool facility and recreational facility. There is a company locally that may be able detect and fix leaks.

7. Additional board business

Discussed possible meeting dates. Will discuss again in August.