

# City of Lamar Park Board

## Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2023

Present: Eva Buchanon, Theresa Davis, Ann Kelley, Donna Arnold, Alan Ray, Kara Moyer, Heidi Johnson, Rusty Rives

Next meeting: Monday, October 2, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

**1. Called to order by Eva Buchanan at 5:30 p.m.**

**2. Safety Briefing**

No weather threats, first aid kit and AED located between bathrooms, Ann Kelley will call 911 if necessary. Meeting spot is west of Memorial Hall

**3. Agenda Approved – Ann moved to approve. Alan seconded. All approve**

**4. Review of Minutes**

Rusty Rives was on hand to clarify some statements in the previous month's minutes. \$400,000 is what the Parks & Stormwater Tax brings into the Park Fund. It is part of the \$605,000 budget of the Park Fund that includes all areas covered under Parks & Recreation. After budgeted expenses there is only about \$2,000 remaining unbudgeted. Ann moves to approve minutes from previous meeting. Donna seconds. All approve.

**5. Parks & Rec Director Report**

There have been some small vandalism incidents in the park that were easily cleaned up, but were also reported to police. There was some clean up necessary after the carnival stayed at the RV Park. Fields 5 & 6 are being used for flag football and soccer on Saturdays. Mowing is continuing. The staff is treating murkiness in the fish pond, but it will be thoroughly cleaned out when grass growing slows. Tree trimming will also be done when grass growing slows.

**6. Committee Business**

- a. Trees – 10 new trees, two of each of five different kinds of Oaks. They will be picked up in Monett on October 5 and planted shortly thereafter. Dig-rite will be called before digging and planting new trees.
- b. Flowers, shrubs & landscaping – Kara, Alan and Heidi worked together on coming up with an idea on redoing the front bed and the bed by the pool. There will be perennials with places to plant annuals throughout the year to add color and seasonality.

**7. Old Business**

Heidi has made contact with Brad Longley with the Sandlot about hosting tournaments. This is something she and the Recreation Committee will handle.

**8. New Business**

Streets/Signs/Parking Trail Committee – Ann Kelley, Rodney Evans

Playground Equipment/Buildings – Donna Arnold, Rodney Evans

Heidi clarified the Master Plan idea and presented a narrative to be sent to companies that do Park Master plans to request quotes from them. She has a list of about 10 companies to contact. Having a Master Plan will make it easier to apply for grants and direct work.

**9. Additional board business**

No additional business.

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.