



Notice of Flatonia Parks Committee Meeting

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City of Flatonia Parks Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 125 E. South Main St., Flatonia, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Opening Agenda

Call to Order
Citizens' Participation

Consent Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Special Parks Meeting
Minutes of the June 24th, 2020 Regular Parks Meeting

Reports City Manager Report including Parks financial report

Deliberation Agenda

- 6-2020.1. Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for 7 Acre Park.
- 6-2020.2 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Central Park.
- 6-2020.3 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Downtown Walking Trails
- 6-2020.4 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for McWhirter Park
- 6-2020.5 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Garbade Park
- 6-2020.6 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for the Mulberry Creek Connector
- 6-2020.7 Consider and take appropriate action on Flato Park.

Adjournment

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AT THE PUBLIC MEETING**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION STATEMENT

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), 551.086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters) and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

Agenda Removal Notice

This Public Notice was removed from the official posting board at the Flatonia City Hall on the following date and time:

By: _____

Sarah Novo
City Manager, City of Flatonia

I, the undersigned authority hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board outside the front door of the City Hall of the City of Flatonia, Texas, a place convenient and **readily accessible to the general public at all times** and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: **September 25, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.** and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Sarah Novo, City Manager, City of Flatonia

Minutes
City of Flatonia Parks Committee
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2020

Present:

Bryan Milson
Ginny Sears
Cathy Horn
Shawn Bruns
Brad Cosson
Valerie Targac

Absent:

David Zapalac
Ashley Beeman
Bryan Milson

Staff Attending: City Manager Sarah Novo

Guests: Melanie Berger, Flatonia Argus

Call to Order 6:09 p.m.

Citizen Participation

No Citizen participation

City Manager Report

The City Manager reported on updates to capital improvement projects. Commission requested that the approved parks budget be presented at the next meeting.

Deliberation agenda

- 9.2020.1. Ginny Sears made a motion to approve recommending the name of 7 Acre Park to Flatonia City Council for consideration. Valerie Targac seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9.2020.2. Cathy Horn made a motion to approve recommending the name of Central Memorial Park to Flatonia City Council for consideration. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Additional discussion surrounding the installation of solar up lighting for some of the trees within this park for ambiance and security purposes.
- 9.2020.3. Cathy Horn made a motion to approve recommending the name of Flatonia Rail Park (to include downtown walking trails, tower 2, caboose and the jail) to Flatonia City Council for consideration. Valerie Targac seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 9.2020.4. Cathy Horn made a motion to approve recommending the name of McWhirter Park (to include the Mulberry Creek Connector) to Flatonía City Council for consideration. Valerie Targac seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. Additional discussion included replacement of light bulbs and police patrols for security purposes.
- 9-2020.5. Ginny Sears made a motion to approve recommending the name of Garbade Park to Flatonía City Council for consideration. Valerie Targac seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9-2020.6. Cathy Horn made a motion to approve removing Mulberry Creek Connector as a park and incorporating this space (to include splash pad and area of potential baseball field) into McWhirter Park. Valerie Targac seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9-2020.7. Flato Park- no action taken. The name of Flato Park was approved by Council resolution in May 2020.

The meeting concluded at 6:39.

Minutes
City of Flatonia Parks Committee
Regular Meeting
June 24, 2020

Present:

Bryan Milson
Ginny Sears
Cathy Horn
Shawn Bruns
Brad Cosson

Absent:

David Zapalac
Ashley Beeman
Valerie Targac

Staff Attending: City Manager Sarah Novo

Guests: Brian Zimmerman, Annie Pryor, Karen Milson

Call to Order 6:05 p.m.

Citizen Participation

Brian Zimmerman asked the Committee to consider a 2nd baseball field (multi-purpose Little League and softball) in the area near the planned T-Ball field near the splash pad. There are 168 children annually that play baseball/softball. The second field would allow for tournaments. This additional field would be contingent on the City's purchase of Grifaldo family property. A master plan for 7 acre Park detailing the layout of the proposed fields will be created by the league.

Annie Pryor asked the Committee if there was a weekly schedule for watering in Central Park and if the City uses a weed and feed product. Also, a request for additional lighting, for security and aesthetics, in Central Park. She pointed out the need to update the brochures displayed in the Parks' kiosks as many new businesses have moved into Flatonia since last printing. Annie opened a discussion concerning a Farmer's Market in Flatonia, with the location to be Central Park. She plans a Friday afternoon event with visitors utilizing restaurants following the event. She also requested the use of Central Park for her personal farm to dinner evening events. Sarah Novo will address the City portion of her requests.

Deliberation agenda

- 6.2020.1. Seven Acre Park- The Flatonia Economic Development Corporation has given \$8,000.00 for materials for the restrooms at the Park. Construction will be handled by Bryan Milson and Jack Pavlas.
The building will be 8'x20' with 2 handicap accessible stalls and equipment storage. The construction is slated for completion by September 2020. Brad asked about the exercise equipment discussed at prior meetings, no action at this time.

- 6.2020.2. Central Park- the 2020-2021 budget will include monies for security lighting of the Park.
- 6.2020.3. Discussion of the assets in and name of “the downtown trails”. The name “railroad park” will be forwarded to Council for approval. The Park assets are the trails, the old jail, caboose and Tower 3. (the area on south Main from Hwy 95 east to Penn St. south of the railroad track). The website and all signage will need to be updated to reflect the change. Sarah Novo will explore the possibility of Google Maps to identify all Flatonia parks. The downtown trail beds need attention as to weeding.
- 6.2020.4. McWhirter- Signage is needed on Hwy. 90 offering directions into Park and Park amenities. Location perhaps on City Manager house west fence. Sarah Novo will coordinate with George’s sign shop for consistency in font and PMS colors. The 2020-2021 budget should reflect the dollars needed to replace outfield fence as well as construction maintenance for concession stand and Pool roof. (approx. \$4,250.00) Lifeguard training is June 27 & 28, 2020. Donor signs are not completed for splash pad.
- 6-2020.5. Garbade- minor repairs needed to concession stand.
- 6-2020.6. Flato Park- no action

City Manager report was folded into discussion of each park site.

*****Rental agreements and rental pricing for Parks will be discussed at the July meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7:40.

No further business.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Horn
Secretary
Parks Committee Minutes
June 24, 2020