



**Minutes**  
**City of Flatonia Parks Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 27, 2021**

**Present:**

Bryan Milson  
Ginny Sears  
Cathy Horn  
Shawn Bruns  
Brad Cosson  
Valerie Targac  
David Zapalac  
Jyl Stavinoa

**Absent:**

Ashley Beeman

**Staff Attending:**

City Manager Sarah Novo  
City Secretary Heather Ambrose  
Utility Director Jack Pavlas

**OPENING AGENDA**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Citizen Participation:**

There was no citizen participation.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes of the October 28, 2020 Regular Parks Meeting**

**Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Special Parks Meeting**

**Minutes of the June 24th, 2020 Regular Parks Meeting**

Ginny Sears made the motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020, September 2, 2020, and October 28, 2020. Seconded by Brad Cosson. None opposed. Motion carried.

**DELIBERATION AGENDA**

**1-2021.1 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for 7 Acre Park.**

Parks Board members discussed the following:

- Restroom project awaiting closing date of EDC purchase of Grifaldo property for available contribution.
- Jyl Stavino/Fayette Savings will donate frisbees for disc golf and general park play.
- Soccer fields are in playable shape.
- The Committee is interested in pricing of exercise equipment like what is in La Grange for placement around the trail at Seven Acre Park.
- Five (5) pet waste receptacles will be placed in the parks as follows: two at Seven Acre Park, one at the splashpad, one in Central Memorial Park and one in Flatonia Rail Park at the bridge. Each unit will be placed near trash receptacles. Kate Horn made a motion to accept the location and placement of the pet waste receptacles. Seconded by David Zapalac. None opposed. Motion carried.

### **1-2021.2 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Central Memorial Park.**

Parks Committee members discussed the need for rental policies for this park and others. City Manager Sarah Novo will research the policies other cities have in place, possibly including the cities of Smithville and Gonzales.

### **1-2021.3 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Flatonia Rail Park.**

Parks Board members discussed the need for the trails at Flatonia Rail Park to be sprayed with a post-emergent for weed control. Discussion also included pricing and installation of a sign detailing the history of the jailhouse placed in this park.

### **1-2021.4 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for McWhirter Park.**

Parks Committee members held a discussion concerning the possibility of upgrading the park's lighting to LED bulbs to provide sufficient light. All were in agreement that this was important for security in addition to frequent police patrols. Jack Pavlas provided a cost estimate for the change to LED lights and will look at the budget or possibly request this as a budgetary request in the FY 22 budget.

The Board was updated by Coach Shawn Bruns related to matters for Flatonia ISD. Flatonia ISD has relinquished and offered to the City a flagpole for the entrance to McWhirter Park. Mr. Bruns also secured a banner to cover the fencing into the park and two hanging banners for poles to be used on gamedays. Mr. Bruns advised that the dugout entrance on the visitor's side needs attention related to a safety concern. Mr. Bruns addressed this year's Covid-19 protocol and advised that FISD will sanitize the area for tournaments and follow other Covid related protocols. March 2, 2021 is the first district softball game with a tournament from March 11 – 13, 2021.

Valerie Targac made a motion to proceed with converting lights in the park to LED. Seconded by Kate Horn. None opposed. Motion carried.

Karen Milson is working on signage for the splashpad.

**1-2021.5 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Garbade Park.**

Parks Committee members discussed that the chain-link gate in the park needs to be rehung before 3/1/21.

**1-2021.6 Consider and take appropriate action on Flato Park.**

Nothing new to report; no action taken.

**1-2021.7 Consider and make recommendations on budget considerations for capital improvement projects at all City-owned park properties for FY21/22.**

City Manager Sarah Novo advised that City staff will be working on a 5-year fiscal plan related to city-wide needs, including park improvements. The Parks Committee will begin working to prepare a list of needed and/or unfunded upgrades. This will be brought forth later. Jack Pavlas, City Utility Director, will begin pulling together bids from qualified vendors for known projects.

**REPORTS**

**City Manager Report**

City Manager Sarah Novo provided her City Manager report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Horn