



## **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, January 27, 2021 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 October 28, 2020 Regular Parks Meeting  
Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Special Parks Meeting  
Minutes of the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Parks Meeting

### **Deliberation Agenda**

- 1-2021.1. Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for 7 Acre Park.
- 1-2021.2 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Central Memorial Park.
- 1-2021.3 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Flatonia Rail Park.
- 1-2021.4 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for McWhirter Park
- 1-2021.5 Consider and take appropriate action on wants and needs for Garbade Park
- 1-2021.6 Consider and take appropriate action on Flato Park.
- 1-2021.7 Consider and make recommendations on budget considerations for capital improvement projects at all City-owned park properties for FY21/22.

**Reports** City Manager Report

**Adjournment**



**Minutes**  
**City of Flatonia Parks Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 28, 2020**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Ashley Beeman

Staff Attending: City Manager Sarah Novo

**Call to Order 6:04 p.m.**

**Citizen Participation**

No Citizen participation

**Deliberation agenda**

- 10.2020.1. No action taken on discussion of the wants and needs for 7 Acre Park.
- 10.2020.2. The Parks committee discussed wants and needs for Central Memorial Park. A request was made of staff to investigate the installation of up-lighting near several of the trees within this park to add ambiance. No other action taken.
- 10.2020.3. No action taken on discussion of the wants and needs for Flatonia Rail Park.
- 10.2020.4. The Parks committee discussed wants and needs for McWhirter Park. A request was made of staff to investigate the purchase and installation of Dog waste stations in the area of the softball field. No other action taken.
- 10-2020.5. No action taken on discussion of the wants and needs for Garbade Park.
- 10-2020.6. No action taken on discussion of the wants and needs for Flato Park.
- 10-2020.7 Cate Horn made a motion to approve the recommendation and appointment of Jyl Stavinhoa to the Parks Committee. Valerie Targac seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting concluded at 6:35.

**Minutes**  
**City of Flatonia Parks Committee**  
**Special Meeting**  
**September 2, 2020**

**Present:**

Brad Cosson  
Ginny Sears  
Cathy Horn  
Shawn Bruns

**Absent:**

David Zapalac  
Ashley Beeman  
Bryan Milson

Staff Attending: City Manager Sarah Novo

**Call to Order 6:09 p.m.**

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 Flatonia 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 Flatonia 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.

No further business.

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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