



Lavon Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2015

I. CHAIRMAN BUNTING CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Chairman, Board Member Seat 2, Jason Bunting
Board Member Seat 3, Grant Winans
Board Member Seat 5, Kathryn Owens
Board Member Seat 6, Simon Abela

Members Absent: Board Member Seat 1, Mike Guliano
Board Member Seat 4, Bradley Tiegs

City Staff Present: Public Works Director - Terry McAlpin

Other Commission or
Board Members Present: None

Visitors: Joe Mundo

There was a quorum present.

II. CHAIRMAN BUNTING LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GAVE THE INVOCATION.

III. ITEMS OF INTEREST / BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:
None.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the June 8, 2015 Meeting (Owens)*

Motion: Board Member Winans moved to accept the Minutes of the July 14, 2015

Second: Board Member Owens

In Favor: Board Member Bunting, Winans, and Owens

Abstain: Board Member Abela

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. None

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Eagle Trail Park Update – Update on change in cost due to flooding as well as a new company and plan of Action.(McAlpin) Public Works Director McAlpin began by explaining that the flood on June 21 almost completely washed out the walkway from the existing sidewalk to the level area around the pond. The city does not have the funds to build that area back up, so they looked at the contours and decided it's not so much of a grade that we can't pave our walking trail right through there. It may not meet ADA requirements but that is not should be fine because it is a walking trail. So they will



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remove the excess dirt that remains from the flood and pour the walking trail. They can do this for no added cost. They are set to break ground August 6. Chairman Bunting asked if there was a larger culvert we could put in there. Director McAlpin stated that the current culvert was 36 inches which is very large. He doesn't think that would be conducive for the floods. The only thing that might work is a square culvert. He hasn't bid it out, but it could be very costly. They may need to get a permit to bring something that heavy thru the residential area. He then showed pictures from the flood. Board Member Winans asked if it would be possible to put a bridge or something over that area. Director McAlpin mentioned that if we did that we would have to have insurance covering any potential accidents on the bridge if we don't have an engineer do all of the planning. Again raising the cost. Chairman Bunting asked how long until the project would be finished. Director McAlpin wasn't certain but would email Chairman Bunting the answer. Director McAlpin said he might also be able to get some trash receptacles to put on the trail. There is an Eagle Scout who is working on building a wooden bench or two, to put out there. Then we may need to eventually put a rail along the incline/decline area but not necessary right away. Chairman Bunting asked if we came in under budget and if so where does the excess go. Is that available for our use. Director McAlpin said yes to the under budget but was unsure of where the extra funds went.

- B. Mundo and Associates – Presentation of Plan as it will be shown to Council.** - The Mundos were not present so Chairman Bunting stated he was going to review the plan as we know it and discuss funding. There is no funding. We've discussed to a phased approach and do a piece at a time. A lot of the grants are matching grants so we would need to come up with the matching amount. Chairman Bunting says he can't imagine any of it being less than a million. So we would either need to raise funds through bonds and such, but again that isn't the responsibility of the Parks and Rec Board. Board Member Abela stated that the city is broke and we don't have the funds to build a sports complex. He is absolutely against taxing the residents of Lavon another penny. There are more priorities to this city than the sports complex. He has been scrutinizing every penny the city is spending. What is more important fixing the roads or building a sports complex? There are other priorities for this city. Board Member Abela then mentioned he told Chuck (Mayor) that at the next City Board Meeting he would not be voting for the new "Gateway" sign. There is no revenue coming from this monument. He would rather spend this money on new streets. He stated he has spoken with other residents and they all agree that there should be priorities. At this point Board Member Owens interrupted and stated that this doesn't really pertain to what we do. Chairman Bunting stated he realizes that Board Member Abela is fairly new and asked him if he understood why the Parks and Rec Board is doing the Sports Complex now? We have a two year cycle to apply for grants. We can't apply for a grant while a grant is in process and we have to have an application in by June. The only thing we have to do right now is plan for the next Grant. So at the request of the Mayor and the previous Chair we were asked to find out what it takes to develop a sports complex. That is why the past 4-5 meetings have been taken over by Mundo & Associates, while we find out what it will take. So there is a lot of back and forth while we design. Once Eagle Park is done, then we go and look at the next park. Once Mundo & Associates takes this to the Council and it gets accepted, Parks & Rec basically has nothing else to do with the project. We are just planning cause that is all we can do while we wait for the next step. Board Member Abela stated again he was still against it, at least while the city is broke. Chairman Bunting then state we are a planning board and that's what we do.



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VIII. BOARD TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

- A. Chairman Bunting would like to have everyone come up with at least one Grant based on our survey. We need a map of the city properties that are designated park or could be park areas. Everyone needs to come up with a grant proposal for the next meeting.

Motion: Chairman Bunting Moved to Accept

Second: Board Member Owens

In Favor: Chairman Bunting, Board Members Owens, Winans, and Abela

Opposed: None


Motion: Carries

IX. PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADJOURN PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING


Chairman Bunting adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Duly passed and approved on this 5 day of October, 2015.

Attest:



Kelly Davis Interim Acting
City Secretary



Jason Bunting, Chairman
Bradley Tiegs