

**PARK BOARD
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Wednesday, February 7, 2018
City Hall Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members Present: Terry Leasure, Larry Logan, Don Sherman and Saunie Hinton; Clerk Brenda Short

Chairman Terry Leasure called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Election of Officers:

Larry Logan stated he would like to step into the Park Board Chairperson's position if Terry decided he does not want to continue anytime. Terry stated he is willing to continue for another year. Don Sherman stated the Park Board Chairperson must attend Planning and Zoning. Vote was taken for Terry Leasure to remain as the Park Board Chairperson. All in favor. Terry Leasure will be the Park Board Chairperson for the year 2018.

Approval of Minutes:

The first item of business is to approve the December 2017 minutes. Some members did not have a copy of the minutes in their packets. Therefore, it was decided to approve the minutes at the next meeting.

President's Report:

Terry Leasure reported he has heard a lot of talk about things getting done in the parks. The park on 188 is asking for a lot of stuff they want done. We need to talk about how to handle this in a separate meeting. The Park Board will meet in City Administration Building at 2:30 pm on Monday, February 12th and at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21st to review these items and put rules in place for all parks.

Terry Leasure stated many of the rules will be the same for all city parks, but there will be some different rules at the MVCH Park. Don Sherman stated FOTP has a series of their recommendations. Park Board members requested copies of all ordinances filed in reference to Parks, copies of forms used, and list of Friends of the Parks requests. Brenda Short will have these available for the meeting. Terry stated there were sign guidelines for that park also. Larry Logan commented the FOTP did not want any amplified music at the park. Loud music versus amplified music has to be determined. Terry Leasure stated that FOTP need to understand that people are using the park and sometimes they want to have music. Larry Logan stated he lives across the street from the park and the only way he can hear any music or noise over there is if he walks outside in the summer. Terry Leasure said they would need to discuss the marking in the woods per the requested guidelines of FOTP.

Brenda Short will notify Friends of the Park that Larry Logan will be the Parks Board liaison to them.

Service Director's Report:

Don Sherman stated he would not be doing any update on Ted Lewis since that was done last time. The city did give Service Department another \$100,000.00 to spend this year on Ted Lewis. He thought he had all \$100,000.00 spent last year but part of it was the contractor G2 and when the carryover happened that one got missed. G2 contract will need to be taken out of this year's budget. He is working with the auditor to get increase \$140,000.00, so he would have \$100,000.00 to spend this year. Larry Logan stated that basically then it was an issue with the paperwork. Don Sherman explained that anything he wanted out of the 2017 money, he has to list the old PO's and somehow we missed that one. There is enough money in the account and the auditor did not think there would be a problem with re-appropriating it. Larry Logan inquired is the \$50,000.00 from the golf tournament was separate from this and Don Sherman stated it had nothing to do with this and it was separate. This is \$100,000 for Capital Improvements. Larry Logan asked how we determine where that money will be spent. Don Sherman stated that is what G2 does. They are doing the next phase of the park. They are splitting it up into \$100,000 projects. Most likely what will come next is getting water and sewer to the new playground area and restrooms and start getting the grading done so the splash pad and playground can go in. Larry Logan asked Don Sherman if he was considering using the \$100,000.00 each year to do something additional to the park. Don Sherman stated yes, they will get \$100,000 and have G2 break the projects into \$80,000 - \$100,000 price range. There is an ODNR grant that we can file for in September or October and whatever we get can go along with the \$100,000 next year, assuming Council gives us \$100,000 that they committed. Larry Logan asked what the placement of the splash pad was going to be Don Sherman stated that is all in the masterplan. We will stay with the masterplan unless council changes it. Please understand that when they show where they are at, these are proximities and somethings may change a little to help make it fit better. Larry Logan inquired if the plan does away with the basketball courts. Don Sherman stated yes because that is where the splash pad will go. The whole purpose of moving the splash pad up to that end is to get it out of the flood plain. Will have to move some dirt around and build an area up and put splash pad in back. Terry Leasure stated they needed to discuss not having basketball courts and Larry Logan agreed. Larry Logan stated a city park without basketball courts is obscured. He stated he knew there were issues with people being rude and outrageous. Don Sherman stated there were no basketball courts in Garden Park. Larry Logan commented that if you put the basketball courts back in the corner away from the homes it might work. He stated he would not recommend a basketball court in Garden Park because it is too close to homes. Terry Leasure stated they had discussed this in the past. Maybe if you put it somewhere else you could keep them. Saunie Hinton stated that the kids that don't drive can't get out to Barthelmas Park and Ted Lewis is their only option. Don Sherman stated Corwin Street would be a great place for skate park and basketball court. Larry Logan stated he still would like to see basketball court at Ted Lewis. Don Sherman explained the amphitheater would be between parking where the pool area was and the creek. Could maybe fit 2 courts in back there. Tennis courts will be removed.

Terry Leasure stated the made complaint now from the community is what will be done about the skate park. Don Sherman stated the popular skate parks are all concrete bowls and curves and there are not flat areas. Those cost about \$150,000. Larry Logan stated when you look at only 12-15 people interested in skate park it is hard to put that amount of money into one project. Could research and try to find something similar that would cost a lot less and give them someplace to go. Could offer to spend a stated amount and ask community to raise the other funds and there are grants you could get to go toward the cost. Don Sherman stated there are only 4 major grants available. One is park improvements and maybe that would be something we could look at. Don Sherman stated the problem with the park money is they do not know for certain what they are doing yet. No rules set yet on what they are going to do. Larry Logan inquired if it would make more sense to have a combined park board with city and county together to have more strength when going out for bids. Don Sherman said it would help in the building stuff because you build projects. Could cause more problems. Terry Leasure stated he believe some of the old people on the Park Board are going to drop off and new

ones are coming on and hopefully things will improve. Larry Logan said we have to have a larger view of things. Duplication is costing us a lot of money. This could be a way to save money by working together. Don Sherman stated it is very difficult to pull city, township and county parks together. Everyone has their own kink. Terry Leasure stated there were several local organization that could contribute to our projects. Larry Logan stated it would be better to go to the different organization to ask for help as a group instead of four different groups going and asking for themselves. Larry Logan stated Gary Sharpe has Healthcare Logistics and is very good about helping with donations for community events. We need to get a master plan together and then start approaching some of those organizations in the community. The biggest problem with that is trying to establish a 501 C. Other groups are going out for donations also and the same organizations get hit from all. Put together a plan and then present it to the organization. Don Sherman explained he thought FOTP, which a 501C, could set up each of the parks individually accounts. That would be more unifying and would be a true friends of the park. Best to get it all under one umbrella.

Don Sherman reported he reached out to girls' softball and boys' baseball and asked for the last three years of number of players, last year schedule and the projection for 2018. TJ Hicks came in and met with us. Basically they wanted to have Barthelmas Park all to themselves. Explained the situation and that we will do the scheduling. TJ met Scott Gaskin and they were able to work it out for this year. They are working together for this year. Don stated we are still working on expanding Barthelmas Park. That would be were all athletics would be; all organized sports. Larry Logan stated an enormous amount of parking would be required there if all sports were played at that park. Don Sherman said parking would not be a problem. Saunie Hinton stated that park is out of the city. Don Sherman replied that it could be annexed into the city once we took it over. Don Sherman replied that this is just a serious discussion at this point. Don Sherman stated that the city is paying for the electric for the light at Ted Lewis now. It could be in the future that the organization using the lights might be responsible. Terry Leasure stated they (pee wee football) are non-profit and wouldn't have the money for this. Don Sherman stated this was just an idea at this point. If this were to become reality, then the organization might have to go out and ask for donations or have fund raising events to pay for the electric. The City budget is razor thin and these lights are eating up the budget. Would like to change them out to LED if this does transpire. AEP is giving discounts to those switching out to LED lights.

Adjournment:

Terry Leasure motioned to adjourn; seconded by Larry Logan. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Brenda Short