



Brookland Parks Committee  
613 Holman Street  
Brookland, Arkansas 72417  
Brookland City Hall

Date and Time of Meeting: 2/21/2022 6:00 PM  
Type of Meeting: Regular

Committee Members Present: Sharon Hopkins, Justin Ladd, David Loggins, Bobby Bishop  
Others Present: Jason McDonald, David (Fisher & Arnold), Mayor Jones

Meeting called to order at: 6:01 pm  
Called by: David Loggins

Motion by: Sharon Hopkins  
Second by: Bobby Bishop  
To: Approve meeting minutes from January 2022  
Motion passed  
For: 3  
Against: 0

6:02 Discussion from Jason McDonald about the plans for the sportsplex, including the decision whether or not to add soccer fields to the baseball outfields. He stressed the need to make a final decision about the design of the sportsplex soon in order for the architects to move forward and begin work.

6:06 David Loggins discussed the visits made to various other parks by the committee and the unanimous decision of the committee to focus on designing modern, dependable, stable baseball/softball fields. David also discussed the decision by the committee to install turf infields for the initial design, based on recommendations by other parks directors. He commented that due to costs, the committee realizes all fields may not start off with turf if funds are not available. David added the committee would like to make all fields universally useable with anchors for adjustable mounds, bases, fencing, etc., to meet regulation distancing requirements for different age group requirements.

6:08 Jason McDonald brought up concerns about costs for installing turf infields in the initial stages of the park design. He discussed how other established parks were functioning under different circumstances than our city's and that it may not be feasible initially.

6:11 David (from Fisher & Arnold) suggested making one field initially turf.

6:12 Jason McDonald discussed the option of changing or removing some of the basic park features such as the walking trail. Mayor Jones responded by saying he didn't believe that was possible.

- 6:15 Discussion continued with David Loggins, Jason McDonald, Mayor Jones, and David proposing a cost analysis of installation and maintenance of turf vs. dirt fields.
- 6:16 David Loggins discussed needs and costs of the concession stand building.
- 6:18 David Loggins commented regarding the cost savings of creating 4 fields vs. 5.
- 6:20 Discussion about grants for park expansion.
- 6:25 Discussion about baseball vs. soccer and future growth/expansion.
- 6:30 Discussion about lighting and the recommendation to use Muscoe Lighting.
- 6:32 Jason McDonald suggested the committee create a strategic goal for the sportsplex park by detailing what it is we are hoping to achieve with the park and what it's ultimate purpose will be. David Loggins responded by saying the committee had decided the purpose of the park was to create a facility with baseball and softball fields to accommodate the current needs of Brookland and to bring in tournaments, revenue, and growth for the city.
- 6:35 Discussion about the effect of the park and pond on wildlife in the vicinity.
- 6:38 Jason McDonald reiterated the desire of the committee to provide estimated costs for the entire sportsplex project with the proposed amenities, fields, concessions, and all.
- 6:39 David (Fisher & Arnold) discussed desired specs vs. plans for the concession stand.
- 6:44 Mayor Jones asked about keeping the current plan of 5 fields. Discussion about the costs of 4 vs. 5 fields, Brookland School District using the sportsplex for school games, the city of Brookland losing access to the t-ball fields (currently on school property).
- 6:54 Discussion about placement of batting cages.

Motion by: Sharon Hopkins

Second by: Bobby Bishop

To: Adjourn at 6:59 pm

Motion passed

For: 3

Against: 0