

MINUTES  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF BROOKINGS

SEPTEMBER 1, 1977

Members present: Ellis Watkins, Chairman, Al Phillips, Bruce Kent, Lee Hansen, Del Oliver, Virginia Manley, Ray Lockman, Al Hooten, City Mgr., Also, former Councilman Jack Ross.

The Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

The commission's request to the City Council, from last meeting, asking that we start a contest to select a name for the Ransom Street Complex, was not acted upon, said Al Hooten.

Mrs. Thelma Canet attended meeting to present a petition to name Ransom Ave. Park after Chief of Police, Bud Cross. This commission suggested to Mrs. Canet that she take this petition, with its 400 signatures, to the Council to discuss it with them as an agenda item.

The Palm Stout Park Association has disbanded and has turned over its bank account to our commission, \$1,500.00. Money is to be restricted to capital improvements, only, in Stout Park.

The Lions Club is raising funds to maintain the triangular piece of land by the State weigh station as a Community Park. If this doesn't meet State approval, then the money would be turned over to our Parks Commission for any project we would need funds for. The commission indicated full approval of this Lions project.

Ellis Watkins brought up subject of the need of a man to work in Parks Maintenance, to be paid out of 50% of the salary of former City employee Elmer Lee. City Manager, Al Hooten says he has been looking for someone to take on the job at about \$600/month, and he hopes to locate him within 30 days. No special education will be required but an interest in care and beauty of the town is desirable.

Al Hooten report: Parking lot and the tennis courts at Ransom Avenue Park progress -- restrooms needed there, too. He outlined a plan to finance them. Suggested that direction of softball field be changed to face northeast instead of northwest. This would leave a good location for one centralized restroom instead of the now projected two.

He also said that a section of Pine Street cannot be set aside for Stout Park and explained why.

Ellis Watkins asked Al Hooten for a monthly statement of our finances. Our request to the Council in August for this statement was apparently overlooked, he said. Hooten said the monthly statement will be done.

Easy Manor Park - near completion. Geodesic climber needs to be concreted around the base; the new roof needs painting before the rainy season starts; the light standard needs to be built; an asphalt parking place could be installed.

ATTEST:

  
CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY PRO-TEM