

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF BROOKINGS
OCTOBER 6, 1977

Members present: Ellis Watkins, Chairman, Virginia Manley, Del Oliver, Al Phillips, John Lacy, City Manager, Al Hooten.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved with the addition of a breakdown of the \$1500 into two parts, one for capital improvements and another for the erecting of a Clive Manley Memorial, not necessarily limited to Stout Park.

The letter from Bruce Manley, attorney for Palm Mae Stout, requesting the return of the Stout Park property was discussed. Exceptions to the letter were taken:

1. The City's motion was not to widen Pine Street but to recognize the already existing 40' right-of-way.
2. No azaleas would have to be removed (nor have any been) that were not natively planted and at such time as they might have to be moved they would be relocated within the park. The azaleas on the right-of-way appear to have been planted fairly recently as a screen.
3. The Parks & Recreation Commission has no control over the terms or the actions of the trust. The Trustee (Crocker Bank) has resisted any attempts to change the usage or the terms of the trust. We therefore have had no control over the expenditure of the funds, and having tried, there seems to be no assurance that we ever will have.
4. According to the agreement made by Mrs. Stout at the time of the gift, Mrs. Stout is responsible for the maintenance of the property and the taxes. Therefore, the Commission has no control over her expenditure of funds.
5. The City may not have the legal ability to return the property. Motion was made by John Lacy, seconded by Al Phillips that these exceptions be forwarded to the City with our recommendation that the property not be returned to Mrs. Stout. Motion was approved.

Discussion was held on the future need for such a park, and the expense of it.

City Manager, Al Hooten, reported on the following:

1. The City is establishing a Trust Fund Procedure and a mechanism for handling trusts.
2. We have an opportunity to hire a person under CETAF for Park Maintenance. We may be able to use our current funds to ease into a budgeted maintenance person.
3. We have billed BOR \$17,000 + for the Tennis Courts. There may be a way of generating enough funds to complete the restrooms in Easy Manor Park, Bud Cross Park Tennis Court and restroom facility funds look promising. We will be able to match \$3,000 of County Recreation funds, on completion of Easy Manor Restrooms.

5. The Swimming Pool was discussed. At present the School District pays \$3.00 per child, approximately, for use of the pool. Al Hooten asked for the Parks & Recreation blessing on asking a \$30/ hour for usage of the pool. In this way the schools would be paying a more equitable share as its principle user.
6. A suggestion was made to re-landscape the Bankus Fountain area using grass rather than ground cover plants, and use the Juniper plants along the bank in front of the Swimming Pool. Suggestion was noted.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



SECRETARY