

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF BROOKINGS
DECEMBER 1 1977

Commissioners present: Chairman Ellis Watkins, Del Oliver, Bruce Kent, John R. Lacy and H. Lee Hansen. Also present were City Manager Al R. Hooten and Councilman Ray Lockman.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes of November meeting were read.

1. Attorney Bruce Manley was present to discuss the Stout Park situation. Said that Bob Stout had been in town to act for his mother (Palm Stout). He has asked the City to return Stout Park to her. Said he would make it up to the City later by possibly making a worthy donation in memory of the old Stout Lumber Co., which was the source of the Stout wealth. He wants the latter to be remembered through this commemorative gift. Manley was uncertain as to if this could be done - it's probably illegal for the Council to return the park because they could be violating a public trust. Possibly I.R.S. could demand a penalty because the park would change from a tax-exempt to a taxable item. Manley said he will contact Bob Stout to try to find out what Bob plans to do with and for the park from here on out.
2. Chairman Watkins asked Al Hooten to request the City Attorney to find out questions of legality and then ask the Council to reconsider its vote to return the park to Mrs. Stout. He urged that the Council retain the park. He thought it should be considered for public vote before it is returned.
3. City Manager Hooten reported that he has hired a good man to handle work in the City Parks of Brookings. Is a retired school teacher named Clayton Cox. CETA funds won't be available, because Cox is ineligible, so he can be paid out of funds in the present park budget. Salary will be \$750.00 per month plus fringe benefits.
He said the City still has approval to hire a man on CETA funds, and he asked if the Commission would have an opinion.
MOVED by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Oliver that a man be hired on CETA program and that he be selected by City Manager Hooten from among the applications for employment that he has on file. Motion approved unanimously.
4. We have received \$9,053.86 which is one-half of the amount spent so far on the tennis courts. This will be enough to

complete the project. We will submit an addendum for parking lot. We also will be getting word on the Bud Cross Park restrooms. We are still awaiting parts for Easy Manor Park restrooms. We will be using concrete block partitions in the restrooms.

5. The Fifth Street intersection was discussed. Apparently, the Highway Department will have a great deal of say as to where intersections will be located adjacent to this new intersection. Re-landscaping into a lower maintenance area may come as a result.
6. MOVED by Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner Hansen and approved to stand by our resolution of last year that the City Fountain be kept running during the year due to the maintenance costs of shutting it down and the interest of the citizens of Brookings in keeping it running.
7. The bicycle path was discussed by the City Manager. The Community Action Program has volunteered to clear the bushy areas of the proposed area. We will probably have to build one retaining wall and bridge. The pavement is mostly complete and highway funds from County and State are available. The proposal will be submitted to the County Commissioners.
8. Commissioner Hansen reported on redwood benches for Easy Manor Park. Charles Anderson suggested that we talk to Dave Morris at Simonson's.
9. Commissioner Hansen reminded the Commission that the City Council had as yet not acted on the proposal to name the Easy Manor Park after Elmer S. Lee.

It was decided to send Commissioners Hansen and Watkins to talk to Council members and to get the item back on the City agenda.
10. The Chairman suggested that we elect new officers for the coming year.

Bruce Kent's resignation was noted with regret and thanks for a job well done.

Al Phillips was nominated and approved as Chairman. Ellis Watkins was nominated-approved as Vice-president and Virginia Manley nominated-approved as Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

REPORT TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, DECEMBER 1, 1977

ITEM NEW MAINTENANCE PERSON HIRED.

Clay Cox @ \$750.00/month

Status: Placed on a permanent status because of the inability to certify with CETA criteria.

Past twelve month's earnings exceeded the CETA limits even though Mr. Cox has remained unemployed for a period of time in his desire to obtain this position.

Note: The CETA position is still an approved slot and there are three people who have responded by submitting resumes for this job.

It is \$750.00 per month until September 30, 1978, starting December 1, 1977. Suggest consideration be made as to whether we hire an additional man!

ITEM PAYMENT OF \$9,053.86 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM BOR ON THE TENNIS COURT PROJECT.

Will proceed to:

Put in lighting, landscaping, and additional drainage plus.

This finishing surface NEXT SPRING.

ITEM HIRING A NEW POOL DIRECTOR AND THE OPENING OF THE POOL.

(About March 20, 1978.)

ITEM LANDSCAPING AT POOL/5TH STREET INTERSECTION AT 101.

Possible use of the juniper ground cover from the Bankus Fountain area for the pool area.

ITEM THE BICYCLE PATHWAY PROJECT.

A youth program has been submitted for the purpose of taking a number of young people with their supervisor and doing all clearing, grubbing and hand work possible on the site.

A draft proposal, site plan, elevation, etc., is being prepared to submit to the Highway Division to implement this project.

Use of Highway Division Assistance
Curry County Bike Path Monies
Possible B.O.R. Funds


Al R. Hooten, City Manager

(Contact State on property
ownership on Easy Street)

ARH:cc