

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF BROOKINGS
SEPTEMBER 7, 1978

Meeting called by Chairman Ellis Watkins.

Present: John DeJarnett, Lee Hansen, Ray Lockman, Del Oliver, Elmer Lee, Al Phillips, John Lacy, Virginia Manley, and Dwight Allen (Council).

Minutes dispensed with as no quorum last meeting.

Noted: Stout Park fence erected.
Swimming Pool Heater repaired and working.
Tennis Tournament in August, (2 girls - 16 boys),
and Private Lessons given there also.

Little League Representatives present.

Chairman explained about tournament request for next year. County owns entire recreation complex and lease to the City. Due to complications of post-season practice and scheduling problems.

Plan presented by Gene Colegrove, former County Commissioner, dated February 12, 1972, the original development proposal, on which the County appropriated money. The pool and tennis court area was donated by the City to the County for development. Ball fields built with donated labor and material including Coos-Curry Cooperative donated the removal of their lines from property.

J. Lacy - Plans have been revised many times since 1972.

The present plan was examined showing the two fields - softball behind swimming pool and Little League behind tennis courts. Same size field for each group. 16 teams - tournament late July - 5 days.

Little League wants both fields till the end of July. Present members of Little League group say 182 children were involved in last season, and 60 - 70 turned away (for girls senior softball).

Ellis Watkins - If Commission chose, they could reverse their position on tennis court construction (only used by 2 - 4 at a time) for immediate support for ball field.

Little League Group - All Stars July 25th game, in Medford. Do not play on Sunday (occasionally on Saturday to make up games missed due to rain).

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Softball Group - There is some drinking but we try to pick up. Coke bottles with beer bottles.

Little League - We don't leave coke bottles, we pick up your beer bottles.

Ellis Watkins - \$14,000 approved since May for restroom, and still nothing has been done.

Elmer Lee - Approved by State & Council, and part of matching funds (of City) is Labor. City crew just doesn't have time, overworked. (City streets, water system, etc., breaks in old water lines, etc.)

John Lacy - Matter of who needs what first.

Lee Hansen - MOTION that we change our priorities and get any kind of funds BOR or whatever, to finish ball field. Second, John Lacy:- any labor that goes into it can be used for matching funds if proper records are kept. Might free funds faster.

Elmer Lee - Don't start anything till funds have been granted.

Ellis Watkins - Motion on floor - moved and seconded - passed unanimously.

Restroom separate contract from Ball Park construction.

Ellis in anticipation, I've asked Suzie to draw elevations, etc., for new plan. Might get it in mail next week. County owes us \$5,000 on demand, and \$3,200 from State and matched would be almost \$16,000 for ball park construction.

Ellis Watkins - With our park budget money, a water meter reader was hired - now have settled that we will have him 3 weeks of the month for Park purposes.

Little League Group - Have begun a fund raising project - how can we help.

For restroom, just sewer, water and electricity now to be installed.

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Plan: Get BOR request in mail.
Get restroom moving.
Plan project so volunteer labor and equipment can
get busy, Elmer Lee says he will coordinate it.
Dwight Allen volunteered a surveyor. (Tomorrow?)

Al Phillips - Lights in tennis courts? \$8,000 left that must be
used by December 1st.
Title 10 still good - \$3,000 for Elmer Lee Park & Little League
dugouts.

Stout Park Trust Money - City auditor says no funds in Western
Bank, must go thru City funds. Stout Park Money cannot be in City
General Fund.

Mill Beach access road - City and Allen deeds show it.

Richard Street Park - at Council meeting attorney says it belongs
to the 14 people adjacent to it. Cannot be disposed of by City,
it belongs to the subdivision.

Property given to City in trust can't be sold, or deeded, without
vote of people.

C. Manley Memorial Fountain - Library Board wants 3 color elevation
drawings of area with detail of fountain.

Lee Hansen - Elmer Lee Park in use, 12 years in progress, like to
see it dedicated.

Ellis - Cuno Sapora is Park employee 3 weeks a month. We have
\$1,500 at least for it.

Tennis court - storm drains, lights, landscaping, wall. \$8,000 left
of original \$35,000 grant.

Elmer will get a small backhoe.

John DeJarnett - says four extra lights not being used for tennis
court - possible for Elmer Lee Park?

ATTEST:


CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY