

MINUTES  
CITY OF BROOKINGS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
July 5, 1979

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ellis Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The members present were Chairman, Ellis Watkins, Steven Buckley, Clay Cox and Terry Phillips.

Staff members attending were Frank Freeman, City Manager, and Praecilla Pruitt, Secretary. Also present was Parks Director, Pat Clancy, Rick Sterry and Pauline Olsen.

Representative from the press was John Molene from the Curry Coastal Pilot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was no reading of the minutes since they could not be found.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. A continuing item of business was the purchase of the properties adjacent to the swimming pool. The County through the County Commissioners could finance 50% of the purchase but there are no funds for the City's matching 50%.
2. Rick Sterry, a representative of the Azalea group came forward to present his findings on forming a Parks & Recreation District. The Commission had previously sent him a letter asking him to look into this matter. He stated that the County Commissioners can initiate an order. We would need to ask the City Council for a letter endorsing the idea of a Parks & Recreation District and request that the County Commissioners would order a formation of such a District. If they rejected the idea then we could submit a petition signed by 15% of all the registered voters in the encumbered district. If the Commissioners decide to proceed then another group would need to present a petition bearing that same 15% of the registered voters. A hearing date could be set between 20 and 50 days from the date of the order. We would also need an election for the Board of Directors which would consist of 3 to 5 members to establish a tax base

if it were presented to the Commissioners. The District could be formed within 90 days. The Parks & Recreation main tax base would be one quarter of one percent of the evaluation. A representative from Tualatin has agreed to come over and discuss the formation plans. Funds could be received from liquor and cigarette taxes. There would be no Federal strings and no problems with Federal funds and grants.

The Board of Directors would be charged with the operation of the District and the City Treasurer would disburse all the funds. One of the disadvantages is that if you have a regional park it would be dealing with the County and not the City. Mr. Sterry was to look into the questions that the Commission were concerned about. A meeting was to be set sometime in August on a Monday to meet with the representative from Tualatin. It was also mentioned that there will be a radio interview. Its purpose will be to inform the people of the different issues. It would be advantageous if the representative from Tualatin could appear on the radio program. We could also use someone with an opposing view. It was agreed that we were not ready to approach the Council for a letter of endorsement. The City Council would also need to be well informed. This endeavor would need careful study and must be put together properly. We would need to inform the public and get the people to endorse it. The Directors to be elected would need to be able to give a great deal of time to this endeavor. Thanks was given to Mr. Sterry for his help and work that he has put into this project.

3. Our new Parks Director, Pat Clancy, gave the following progress report:
  - a. The tennis courts had been repaired and permanently fixed. The asphalt had caused the problem. When the next two courts are prepared, they should be filled, rolled and then let set for a year and drive on them. Acco contractors had done the work on the courts for the asphalt.
  - b. The bids for the Little League field will be back sometime this week. They will start shortly on the bathrooms. Someone has offered to do all the electrical work and another party the plumbing. The Youth Service Improvement Program will work with them and do the ditching.
  - c. There are 160-200 people signed up for swimming lessons from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. There are four certified water safety instructors. The girls are getting Red Cross certification. The Polar Bear group is from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. There are between 50-65 that come for lap swimming. There has also been inquiry about scuba diving. It would cost \$210.90 per

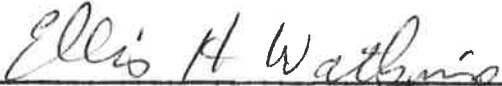
student, which includes the textbook. They would need masks, snorkle and fins. There is also a junior frogman program.

There is also interest in a water ballet program. The Drill Team advisor at the High School would be willing to have the girls put on a program for the City. There are already 7 or 8 girls that are interested in participating in such a program.

- d. It was brought up that we need a top on the pool. It was suggested that a "buy a brick" program could be started. Various City groups could sponsor such a program and each person would pay \$2.00 and up for a brick to build one wall for the pool. There is already \$1,000 in a fund to put a roof on the pool.
- e. There was a question about the Peewee diamond that the level of the ground is higher and slopes down and may be a drainage problem. It was explained that it is not finished yet and there will be a walkway at this particular place.
- f. It was mentioned that the interest from the Stout Park Trust Fund was within a \$5.00 difference. The new City Auditor advised the Commission to put it in a special trust fund. Our function is to improve the City Parks. The Stout Park belongs to the City.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
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Ellis Watkins,  
Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary