



Brookland Parks Committee  
613 Holman Street  
Brookland, Arkansas 72417  
Brookland City Hall

Date and Time of Meeting: 6/20/2022 6:00 PM  
Type of Meeting: Regular

Committee Members Present: Julie Thomas, David Loggins, and Bobby Bishop  
Absent: Justin Ladd and Sharon Hopkins  
Others Present: Mayor Kenneth Jones, Bill Taylor, retired baseball coach from Brookland School District, Pam McGee, Jason MacDonald, and David Becker from Fisher & Arnold

Meeting called to order at: 6:02 pm  
Called by: David Loggins

Motion by: Julie Thomas  
Second by: Bobby Bishop  
To: Approve meeting minutes from May 2022  
Motion passed  
For: 3  
Against: 0

6:02 Jason MacDonald opened discussion about the two smaller city parks and upcoming bids they will open up. He reiterated that the initial park designs included everything the parks committee wanted with the option of scaling back what is not wanted in order to save costs. Jason asked about any questions the committee had regarding his services. No questions were asked. Jason explained that his firm would be moving forward with the next steps for the smaller parks in the near future in order to get things going and meet the timeframe for completion.

6:04 David Loggins asked about general material costs for the sportsplex. He explained how he is still working on creating a letter for Brookland residents regarding fundraising, naming rights, and more to possibly raise more money for costs associated with the sportsplex.

6:11 David Loggins asked Jason MacDonald about applying for a TAP Grant to add to funding for the sportsplex. Jason explained he would likely need to wait until next year to apply for a TAP Grant once construction of the sportsplex park had begun.

6:20 Bobby Bishop expressed concern over the cost of tree removal for the parks of \$20k. There was some discussion about that among those present.

6:26 David Loggins introduced Coach Bill Taylor to the group and explained that he was asked to join the meeting to add insight and expertise in baseball park design, amenities, player/coach/fan needs, and more. Coach Taylor initially asked the committee a couple of

questions over things he was concerned about. 1. He asked about the distance from the park entrance on School Street to the parking lot of the sportsplex for facilitating cars entering and waiting at a pay station, during a tournament. His concern was the potential of having a backlog of vehicles on School Street waiting in a slow line to enter the park. 2. He also asked about the walking track at the sportsplex and the number of times it crosses traffic lanes throughout the park. Jason MacDonald answered both questions with explanations of how a tournament pay station would be situated to avoid a backlog and the reason for the walking track path to cross traffic lanes as many times as it does throughout the park.

6:50 There was discussion among the group about costs of materials for parks, playground equipment for the smaller parks, amenities of the sportsplex, hiring a parks director, Coach Taylor's suggestions for dugout design, turf infields, and more. No decisions were made, just ideas and suggestions discussed among those present.

Motion by: Julie Thomas  
Second by: Bobby Bishop  
To: Adjourn at 6:53 pm  
Motion passed  
For: 3  
Against: 0