

City of Bolivar
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 20, 2015

Committee convened at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Members present were John Best, Brad Johnson, Mike Shuler, Frank Zanaboni and Ethel Mae Tennis. Ellis Hall arrived at approximately 12:35. T.C. Wall and Corey Rich were absent.

Friends of the Park Committee members present were Jason Dial, Michelle Morris, Bill Jones and Kerry Douglas. Other guests were Charles Mashburn, Susan Sparks, Amber Cline and a guest of Michelle Morris.

Motion and second to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Motion and second to approve minutes of 1/16/15. Motion carried.

Mayor Best reported he had been contacted by the president of the Cattlemen's Association and he has an aviary and is interested in acquiring some of the peacocks. It was suggested the Mayor pursue this and see how many he might want and when.

Ethel Mae reported she had had a conversation with Norman Beyer and due to family illness he has not been able to secure any more information to determine interest in a Dog Park. He hopes to be able to resume pursuing this soon.

In discussing plans for the Old Swimming Pool, Mayor Best reported that the fence would be cut down and re-used to build approximately a 20' fence for the basketball court.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that we build two basketball courts, and to refurbish the bath house as our second priority. We voted to build a men's bathroom, a women's bathroom and also a family bathroom. Some thought there should also be heat and air for these. Funds will determine if this is feasible. Motion was made, seconded and carried to proceed in this manner.

In discussing fund raising, it was suggested we concentrate on raising \$150,000 for the first phase. Kerry asked us to get a firm plan and accurate costs before we begin the fund raising.

Charles Mashburn (a guest who lives in the area) asked about the hours the Old Swimming Pool would be open for the planned projects. He is concerned that more kids may cause more problems. He was told there would be adequate lighting and with added activity there, the police would be driving by there oftener.

Jerry Hamby told the Mayor he thought a walking trail could be built at Dunnegan Park for approximately \$15,000.

Brad Johnson gave each committee member a handout on fund raising and briefly discussed this. We decided not to start until we have a final plan and budget. When we receive this, Kerry will present this to City Council.

Frank will get this final information together and e-mail to each committee member and we will then have a meeting to discuss.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried.