

Special Council Meeting 11/22/2021

Minutes taken by Autumn Shreve, City Clerk

Meeting Time 7:00 pm Presiding officer: Dawn Sitz

Council present: Moore, Shreve, Seals, Sitz & Lister

Members absent: Mayor John Ryan

Employees present: A Shreve and S. Seals

Guests present: Pat Cox, Jared Mills, Kelli Moore, Raven and Holly Hinck, Lucy Hatfield, Ken Anspaugh, Joyce Weir, Thomas Cason.

President of Council Dawn Sitz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Dawn announced that the meeting would be a meeting for gathering information regarding the park.

Pat Cox presented information about things to keep in mind regarding the building of the park, for example maintenance, meeting code standards, lighting, and security.

He stated the area is not in a flood zone, so we do not need to be concerned about that.

There are some fiber optic lines and sewer lines on the outer parts of the property that we will need to be aware of for planning.

Many ideas were thrown around by the council and guests who were present.

Some ideas were cornhole/horseshoe locations, skate park with walking path, covered farmers market area, a toddler play area, open amphitheater. Pat cox stated that some of these areas could be multipurpose.

Ken Anspaugh voiced concern about keeping people off the streets due to safety.

Joyce Weir would like better and more parking such as blacktop with good lighting. She stated that the bathroom at the Lion's Park could use an update as well. She would also like to see more than just a walking path, maybe some shade trees, and landscaping along the path.

The community member present were asked for their input.

Thomas Cason would like to see a skate park. He stated that the skate parks in Topeka are not safe so it would be nice to have one here.

Holly Hinck mentioned a zipline, asking the girls with her their opinion.

There was a question from Chief Seals about putting a Soccer Field in to start a soccer group for kids in the community and possibly creating a Police Athletic League.

Pat Cox stated that it would be important to take advantage of any grants that our community could get to complete the park.

Holly Hinck asked Pat and Jared if it would be an option for someone to take on a portion of the park to pay for and complete it. Pat stated that would be up to the council. There was discussion on her plan and ideas.

Councilman Seals verified Holly Hinck's commitment to building the skate park. She stated she still wants to build it.

Councilman Moore voiced his concern about a splash park, and large arena with concern of taking away from the pool and other communities nearby.

The ideas that were rediscussed before meeting end was a multipurpose pad, dog park, corn hole space, skate park, walking paths, covered farmer's market area and soccer fields.

Pat Cox suggested for landscaping the walking path, the city could allow sponsorship/memorial bricks along the path or donate a tree with a plaque for memorial/recognition.

Motion to close meeting at 8:17 pm by Shreve, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.