

**City of Brownsboro Farm
Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 9th, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Brownsboro Farm City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 9th, 2013 at the Brownsboro Farm Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Commissioners Marc Salmon, Tim Quinn, John Shea and Jonathan Ratliff; Mayor Mosher and City Clerk Dennis Branson. Residents Charlie Spencer, Kit Kincade, Bob Bale, Tessa Ramey, Chip Swanson, Beth Willison, Nick Willison, and John Jay were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

The minutes from May and June were approved.

The financials for June were deferred to the next meeting so that we can get all information in the statements since this is year end.

Parks Board

Commissioner Ratliff made a motion to allocate funds from line 54200 – Parks–Social- in the amount Not to Exceed \$300 to pay for food for the golf scramble. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salmon and was passed unanimously.

Todd Owen would like build two to three benches in the park for his Eagle Scout project. They will be completed by the end of August. The project will be supervised by an adult and Mayor Mosher said that they should have a liaison with the park board. We would like the benches to be cabled and secured.

In June there were three community center rentals, two pool rentals, and one pool member party. Renee Leis is not satisfied with the guards being provided by Kentuckiana Pool Mgt. There is a shortage of guards and they are overworked. Commissioner Ratliff reported that we have met with KPM and they will deal with the issue, and they have two weeks to get this done. Some people would like to have the pool open an extra hour. Mayor Mosher said that we should ask if they can keep the pool open an extra hour in compensation of them being short on guards.

There are continuing electrical problems at the Community Center. A flood light and a spot over the pool are not working again. We had hired an electrician last year but it is still a problem. We are looking at putting a cover over the electrical box on the new path.

There are some broken tables that need to be replaced. They are going to get some prices on wrought iron tables to replace fiberglass ones since they last longer.

The Parks Board wants to thank Charlie Spencer for overseeing the path project.

Charlie Spencer presented a proposal for pressure washing the bridge, playground, steps, stone entry, sandbox roof, and rinse fence.

Discussion on Park Fence

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The Willisons wanted to publicly state their opposition to the fence project. They know that there has been a fence in the park for a long time. There has not been a fence behind their property for 10 years. It has not been there for the three years that they have lived there. They feel that a fence would take away from the enjoyment of their property both aesthetically and functionally. They have a counter proposal to frame in the walkway so the fence line has a natural ending. The Willison's next door neighbor also would like to take his fence down also. They feel that if the fence was important to the city, the city would have replaced it 10 years ago when the old resident took it down. They would look at the fence as an eyesore. Nick Willison asked if they city could continue to build the fence behind other residents houses without their permission. He pointed out that neighbors get forms sign before they build structures, and they were never given a form. They are sorry that they are opposing it after the fact, but they had no idea that it was being done until after it had been passed by the commission.

Commissioner Salmon asked Nick Willison if he was always opposed to the project. Commissioner Salmon said that when he was first told of the project, he said that he just didn't want to be involved in any upkeep. Nick Willison said that this was fairly accurate. Nick Willison said that he had a conversation with Kit Kincaid and he was under the impression that this was a city project because his neighbor was told that he could not take down the fence behind his yard. He said that after talking to his wife, he found out that she was strongly against it, and he is supporting her.

Mayor Mosher said that a resident came up with an idea and this is regularly done. We love it when residents take the initiative on ideas. He presented the idea to the commission. We told him that we liked the idea and sent him back to the parks board to get exact numbers and their approval. It went through the parks board and came back to the commission, which then approved it. Mayor Mosher was not at the meeting, but there was a quorum. Even though he was not at the meeting, he feels that the commission made the best decision based on the information that they had. He appreciates that they have come down and expressed their concerns in a polite and professional manner. The project was not rubber stamped. We do not fall under the same ordinance for structures built by residents. Since the fence was in the minutes of a previous meeting, they did have an opportunity to oppose it before it was voted on. He does not want to bring it up for another vote, but thinks that it would be possible to modify the construction of the fence to get them some opening to the park.

Nick Willison asked what determined the ending point of the fence. Mayor Mosher said that this is an attempt to have something similar to the original fence behind the barn. Mayor Mosher pointed out that the fence sits on city property. Commissioner Ratliff asked Kit Kincade if he had any thoughts on this. Kit had sent out a history of the fence. The fence is shorter than it was originally, but it has been over the same area for decades. It currently ends into a natural growth. The missing section of the fence was taken down 10 years ago, but he hadn't done anything because he was under the impression that the City had decided to let residents take care of the fence and didn't want any responsibility for it. There are several gateways already in the fence and the Willisons said that they would prefer not to have a gateway if the fence is built. Mayor Mosher would prefer not to reopen this issue because it would set up a precedent of re-opening issues. Nick Willison felt that the fence was only a project of Kit Kincade's. Mayor Mosher said that it went through the Parks Board. Beth. Willision felt that the project

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had been tabled by the parks board. Mayor Mosher said that the parks board did not vote on it because they did not have a quorum at their meeting, but Tessa Ramsey asked Kit Kincade to present it at the Commission meeting. Mayor Mosher feels that enough people at the parks board meeting had looked at it before it came to the commission meeting, and they would have killed it if they were against it. John Shea said that they had begun doing maintenance on the fence last year, and this is a continuation of this.

Mrs. Willison asked if it would be possible to take a poll of either residents that border the park line or all residents in the city to see if they are in favor of it. Mayor Mosher said that we are not in the practice of taking polls of residents before making decisions. Mayor Mosher feels that the decision has been made. Mr. Willison said that he does not agree with the decision but he respects it. Kit said that he had discussed the issue for several years. He did not know that the Willisons were against the project when he came to the June meeting. He had sent a letter to John Shea who had been at the parks board meeting. He asked John if he thought that it could get approved because there was no visible opposition. The wood has been paid for and delivered.

Commissioner Salmon

No new business.

Commissioner Quinn

Commissioner Quinn made a motion to allocate funds from line 56900 – Road Fund–Misc- in the amount of 73.14 to pay for the red, white, and blue bunting for the front of the city. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salmon and was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Quinn said that he agrees that the fiberglass tables are not as good as the wrought iron ones.

He has looked at the water fountain that is leaking and has called a plumber to look at it. He feels that the pool light is what is causing the problem. They switched the breaker and it is still tripping so it is the light that is the problem.

Commissioner Shea requests that we do GFI testing of the entire system.

Commissioner Quinn would more information on where Renee Leis's duties end and the pool management companies start. Commissioner Shea said that there is a check-off list that Renee does. If we have a question we should go to Renee and if she has an issue she will talk to the pool management company.

Commissioner Shea

Commissioner Shea brought up a permit by J.C. Ready 3809 Old Brownsboro Hills Road to expand his driveway. The commission feels that he does not need a permit.

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LGE has put in a new electrical box for street lights and it is completed.

Commissioner Ratliff

Commissioner Ratliff reported that people are dumping yard waste in the park and this is not to be done. We do have yard waste pickup to take care of this.

We had two gentlemen this weekend that appear to be casing the neighborhood. We have reported it to the appropriate authorities and they have the license plate number.

We have people that are sneaking into the pool at night. Mayor Mosher asked about light sensors at the pool to see if that would solve the problem.

Mayor Mosher

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Joshua Mosher, Mayor

Dennis Branson, City Clerk