

**CITY OF LABELLE
BARRON PARK MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mayor Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Zimmerly.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Barron Park Master Plan Update & Phasing Discussion

Mayor Lyons asked Staff for an update on the Barron Park improvements based on direction given at the December 12, 2019 meeting.

Staff noted only one bid had been received for the work on the pavilion. There was discussion on preparing a scope to help guide the process, and the durability of materials for the benches. There was discussion on completing the improvements to the benches using City Staff instead of an outside contractor.

Kelly Boone stated she would like to see a long-term solution for the benches.

Ron Zimmerly suggested repairing the benches instead of replacing them, if the intent is for a short-term solution to be completed prior to the Swamp Cabbage Festival.

Derek Rooney noted budgetary constraints and the lengthy list of improvements developed at the last meeting in December. He recommended focusing on short-term repairs if the Commission wants to complete the entire list before the Swamp Cabbage Festival.

There was discussion on the level of use of the benches. Keitha Daniels noted the various groups that use the benches regularly.

Kelly Boone suggested removal of the benches and putting in a smaller number of quality benches.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to replace the benches. There was further discussion and the motion was not seconded.

Gary Hull noted the existing benches could be overlaid with 1'x12' pressure treated wood as a temporary fix.

There was detailed discussion on the potential solutions for the benches.

There was discussion on why the fence around the tennis court was not removed. It was noted that during the December meeting it was indicated that Clay Howard was going to remove the fence and repair the fences. Gary Hull indicated Clay was not interested in taking the fence down for free due to lack of clarity on the remaining scope of work. He noted the City should seek out other solutions. It was decided that the fence can be removed by City Staff.

The longer-term solution to replace the benches was discussed. Kelly Boone noted quality benches are approximately \$600 each (\$1,000 each when installed in concrete to prevent theft). Ron

Zimmerly noted that the approximate costs would be over \$20,000 for the required number benches, not including the installation. There was discussion on writing grants to fund these improvements.

Kelly noted the funding from the LDRC would be for new benches only, not the repair/overlay work. There was discussion on the long-term vision for the seating.

There was discussion on the priorities to complete before the Swamp Cabbage Festival. The priorities were re-stated as the fence removal, painting and repair of the pavilion, and fixing the benches.

Ron confirmed amount currently budgeted for park repairs is approximately \$15,000. There was discussion on the ability to generate income through a food truck rental in the Park to fund improvements.

Commissioner Wilkins noted her husband worked for the firm that submitted the one quote for the pavilion repair work.

Keitha Daniels noted that FP&L has a “volunteer week” where they donate time and money for specific projects. They provide approximately 40-50 volunteers and some funding.

It was noted there is no quote to fix the roof metal on the gazebo. Potential painting of the gazebo roof was discussed.

It was summarized that Staff is directed to make the following improvements, to be completed prior to Swamp Cabbage:

- 1) Repair/overlay the benches with pressure treated wood;
- 2) Remove the chain link fence around the tennis court; and
- 3) Complete critical repair to the pavilion.

The motion was made by Commissioner Akin to approve the above improvements for completion by City Staff prior to the Swamp Cabbage Festival. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

*****SEE CLERK FOR SIGNED VERSION*****

David A. Lyons, Mayor-
Commissioner

Attest:

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Thomas A. Smith, Clerk-Commissioner