

City of Newnan

Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mike Furbush at 9:15am. Commission members in attendance were Beth Barnett, Kristy Franklin, Carol Tamplin, Andy Walden, and Anne Yancey.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and seconded.

Mike Furbush explained that most of the money from SPLOST funds has been used on the new parks and there will not be any more funds until 2025 after the next SPLOST referendum in 2024 (if it passes). The focus for now will not be on new parks, but on upkeep and improvements on existing parks.

Examples of these that were discussed were:

- Re-sodding or paving areas at the Sprayberry Road Dog Park that have worn from normal wear and tear
- Planting more beds at C.J. Smith Skate Park and taking care of the problems that exist around the slides
- Repairing the tornado damaged sculpture at First Avenue Park
- Regrading the area around the wedding venue at Temple Avenue Park and possibly adding pavers because that area is wet much of the time
- Building shade structures at playgrounds, particularly over slides that get hot
- Putting up umbrellas at the tables beside the playground at the Dog Park
- Possibly adding safety surfacing in playgrounds
- Improving handicapped accessibility in playgrounds
- Completing more of the LINC trail. The maintenance of the LINC has fallen on the city thusfar, but there are discussions of connecting it to Whitlock Park, and the county would help with that part of the trail
- Mike Furbush said that the situation with the homeless seems to have eased in the last few months

It was decided that the Parks Commission will meet quarterly, and the next meetings will be on April 20th, July 20th, and October 19th at 9am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tamplin