

**Williamson Park Committee
Meeting Minutes**

The Williamson Park Committee met **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**, at City Hall. Attending members include Dr. Cohen, Mr. Ervin, Mr. Smith, Ms. Brasington, Mrs. Howle, Mr. Gainey, Mr. Galloway, Park Manager Mr. Purvis, and City staff Ms. Shafer.

Mr. Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Financial Report: Ms. Rock was absent from the meeting, but the financial report should be the same as last time.

Mr. Galloway said that the tickets for the event on October 23 should be ready to be picked up along with the other items that was printed. He is just waiting on the invoice to send to Ms. Rock for a check. Then someone just needs to go pick it up.

Park Manager's Report: Mr. Purvis reported that the regular upkeep duties are still being performed as they head into the fall season. They will need to continue to weed eat and trim trails as needed. There are a few minor repairs to be made on the boardwalk in the near future. They will step up on removing small Chinese Cherry trees, Wisteria Vines, and Japanese Privet. The "No Motorized Vehicles in the Park" signs were ordered and installed at five park entrances. Mr. Purvis said that they have experienced a bit of vandalism recently. Someone has thrown landscape timbers into the creek on two occasions. The section of log stacked on the trail, with a nesting cavity, was destroyed as well as a picnic table bench. The chain installed at the open picnic area was stolen. All issues have been remedied, repaired, or replaced. He still needs to retrieve the timbers from the creek. Mr. Purvis said that they will make sure that the park is in great shape for the Pig Picking in the Park and will assist in any way.

Ms. Brasington commented that the yellow chain was missing from the entrance of the park. Mr. Purvis said that it keeps getting stolen and replaced. Mr. Ervin asked for him to check to see if the new one was there and if they still have the steel pole that can go in the middle of the trail way to stop vehicles from entering the park, especially golf carts. Ms. Brasington suggested that they cover the boardwalks in wire or some other material to keep them from becoming slippery like other parks do to be safer for park visitors. Dr. Cohen said that non-skid is something they could look into for this but it does tend to have prep issues.

Picking in the Park: Mr. Galloway said that the tickets for the event are ready to be picked up. Also, that Micky Finn's bartender will drive an alcohol truck to the park and will need a trash can and table. Anything that is not used will be reimbursed. Mr. Andrews said that he will deliver 10 trash cans, tables, and chairs to the park for the event. Mr. Galloway said that Mr. Whitlow will be coming off the committee in the next week. Mr. Galloway, Mr. Purvis, and Dr. Cohen agreed to hang up the lights in the trees for the event at 4 p.m. on Thursday. Dr. Purvis said that he will pick up the left-over materials from last year. The Committee discussed table decorations and decided against a silent auction. They agreed that the event kick off will be at 6 p.m. and set up will be around 3 p.m.

New Business: Ms. Shafer said that the Letter of Intent was approved, and the official grant deadline is December 12, 2021. The Committee discussed possible match funding sources.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.