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MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HEWITT CITY HALL — 200 PATRIOT COURT DATE: May 18th, 2022

Attendee Name	Absent	Present	Arrived
Ann Schiltz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:04 pm
Jerry Snider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:05 pm
Shayla Wicks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:00 pm
Casey Lowrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Charles Edmundson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Veron Bailey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:14 pm

Staff present:

Scott Coleman – Director of General Services

Linda Fish – Administrative Assistant, General Services

- 1. Call Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting to order.** Scott Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- 2. Consider approval of minutes** for the January 19, 2022, Parks and Beautification regular meeting. Jerry Snider made a motion to approve the minutes at 6:20 pm and Shayla Wicks seconded the motion.
- 3. Briefing and discussion** on Park updates.
Mr. Coleman began discussing the park updates while giving briefing the five-year plan PowerPoint.
- 4. Discussion of five-year plan.**
Mr. Coleman discussed adding a toddler play area in Warren Park and clearing out the tree line in Warren Park as well as the expansion of the two ponds at Warren Park. He discussed reestablishing the creek line to allow for better flow of the water. Mr. Coleman discussed the additional hike and bike trail at Warren Park. He gave a description of how it will follow the creek line at Warren Park and will be at the minimum of half a mile. He gave an explanation of the additional parking lot that is currently in construction at Warren Park. Mrs. Schiltz explained to Mr. Bailey that the additional parking will help with events that are sponsored by the Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bailey suggested that Parks and Beautification committee sponsor a Health Fair during one of those Chamber sponsored events. Mr. Coleman suggested to get in touch with Ms. Alissa Caddy from the

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Chamber to discuss the health fair. Ms. Wicks asked about the Glaze Property. Mr. Coleman discussed that it is indeed part of the Hewitt Parks system and the plans on incorporating it into the new hike and bike trail. Mr. Coleman discussed the deal made with Big Creek Construction on how they are donating the materials to construct the new trail and overflow parking. He discussed the land use agreement in return for 800 tons of milled asphalt.

Mr. Coleman discussed the purchase of twenty-five (25) native trees within Hewitt and Warren Parks. He described the location of the trees that are already planted. They are spaced out around the new walking trail in Warren Park, and some are spaced out around Hewitt Park. He let the board know that planting the 25 trees was part of the five-year plan. Mr. Coleman discussed that the city will be purchasing some additional fruit bearing trees to give back to the community.

Mr. Bailey suggested that the city establish some sort of community garden for senior citizens. Mr. Coleman asked for suggestions on how to get one established. Mr. Bailey suggested that the citizens at least own a library card to be able to benefit and use the community garden. Ms. Schiltz suggested that citizens pay by the bag of produce harvested. Mr. Coleman discussed that a community garden is a great idea, however it would need to be maintained by the citizens and that there is a possibility that the city may be able to build the garden but would be unable to maintain. Mr. Coleman discussed adding a 40x30 pavilion that would be a revenue source near the newly expanded ponds. He explained that it would be built similar to the pavilion in Hewitt Park with bathrooms. Mr. Coleman discussed adding several new individual family sized picnic tables around the hike and bike trail in Warren Park. Mr. Coleman discussed adding a basketball and exercise area in Warren Park in the future. He explained the possibility of using a portion of Warren Park to make a soccer field. Mr. Coleman proposed that our next project be building a fenced off toddler area in Warren Park.

Mr. Coleman let the board know that the slurry seal/resurfacing project was approved at the last City Council meeting and that the city will be commencing that project soon.

Mr. Coleman discussed the purchase of automatic locks for the doors on the park's bathrooms. He explained that the doors would automatically lock during certain hours.

5. **Discussion** of future agenda items.

No further agenda items to add at this time.

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6. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Coleman adjourned the meeting and Vernon Bailey seconded the motion.

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