

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JONESTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
HELD JULY 10, 2023, 6:30 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
18649 FM 1431, SUITE 3A, JONESTOWN, TEXAS.**

<b>Chair: Colleen O'Brien (Place 3)</b> <b>Vice Chair: Patricia Buckley (Place 4)</b>	<b>Charles McCormick (Place 1)</b> <b>Michael Latos (Place 2)</b> <b>Darell Dansby (Place 5)</b>	<b>Ellen Koncak (Alternate 1)</b> <b>Laura Heihn (Alternate 2)</b>
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**A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIR COLLEEN O'BRIEN**

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Buckley, Members McCormick, Dansby (came later), & Alternate Koncak

Staff Present: none

Guests: Katrina Baldazan (came later) and Alderwoman Linda Bush

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the June 5, 2023, regular meeting was made by Charles McCormick and seconded by Patti Buckley. The motion passed unanimously,

**B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Meeting was opened to the citizens for their communications. No issues were discussed at this time.

**C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Staff was not available to give the update on existing and upcoming improvements. However, Ann DaPrato, Parks & Recreation Coordinator did provide a monthly report ahead of the meeting with some information provided.

Park members recommended the following additions for consideration:

- a. watering the trees in Jones Brothers Park during the drought,
  - b. having additional brush pick up along roadways access the parks,
  - c. having organized sports leagues such as slow pitch softball, pickleball, tennis, soccer, disc golf, fitness clinics, etc.
2. The Board reviewed and discussed the upcoming FY 2023-2024 budget and the proposed 5-year budget plan prepared by Ann DaPrato. The Parks Board is recommending some minor changes and some additions to the current proposal for the City Council's consideration. The summary of these recommendations is included in Attachment A;

The Board is also recommending that a full time Parks Director be hired to oversee park/ trail master planning and to apply for grants that would be applicable for park usage. Landscape experience would be preferred.

A motion to forward the proposed budget recommendations to the City Council for their consideration was made by Vice Chair Patti Buckley and seconded by Charles McCormick. The motion passed unanimously,

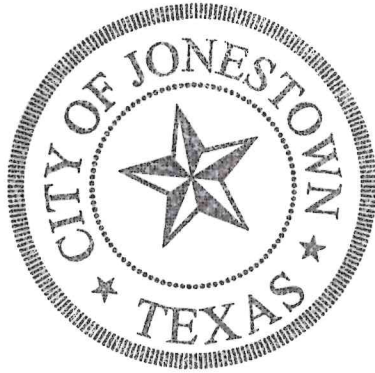
3. The Board discussed moving the Parks Board monthly meeting date to avoid conflicting with the Board of Adjustment meetings.

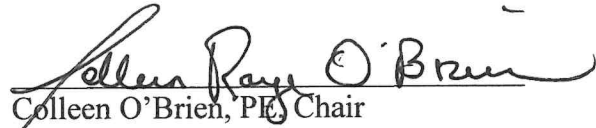
Motion to move the regular Parks Board meeting to the third Monday of every month at 6:30pm was made by Charles McCormick and seconded by Darell Dansby. The motion passed unanimously. Next meeting will be August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

#### D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairman O'Brien at 8:20 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2023.**



  
Colleen O'Brien, P.E. Chair

ATTEST:

  
Sandra Barton, City Secretary

## Attachment A

## Parks Board Recommended Revisions to the Draft 5-Year Budget Plan

Fiscal Year	Park	Est. Budget	Requested Item	Commentary
1-3	Jones Brothers	\$1,500,000	All the roadway, boat and car parking improvements needed throughout the park	The Board unanimous supports the proposed KPA improvements through a separate capital improvement project
1-2	Jones Brothers	\$250,000	Permanent Restrooms & Septic	The Board unanimous supports the proposed improvements through a separate capital improvement project
1	Fireman	\$300	Tether Ball	Board would like to have a tether ball set installed near the trail and Crestview Dr. area, with the intent of providing youngster entertainment while the adults watch movies or listen to concerts
2	Fireman	\$6500	Small playset	(Location and reasoning are the same as above)
1	JBP	\$500	Standing information board near the JBP entrance sign	Communication is still challenging for most citizens in Jonestown. As a small improvement, the Board would like to see a standing information board adjacent to the entrance sign. There are still many walkers in both the a.m. & the p.m.
1	Jones Brothers	\$6,000	Further extension of Boat Ramp 3	The Board would like to the Ramp 3 extended further towards the center of the creek to allow for boat launching to be accessible for a longer period of time.
1	all parks	\$5,000	Do the repairs needed to remove all of the misc. traffic cones in the parks.	There are still multiple traffic cones in the parks that need resolution. Traffic cones indicate eminent danger and are not a compatible park use. These dangers should be removed/resolved for park user safety. Currently the cones are often relocated by park users and the 'danger' is then exposed.
2-3	Shady	\$150,000	Education Centers and Roadway Improvements	The Board would like to have the Education Centers and the needed roadway and parking improvements moved up to years 2 and 3 (instead of year 5). The education center is proposed on top of the old pool and is intended for hands on activities: plant identification games, viewing binoculars, wildlife and snake related education, etc.
now	Shady	\$5,000	Drip irrigation system for the Pollinator Gardens	The board wasn't clear about the timing of the installation of the irrigation system and would like to have it completed in the current fiscal year.

2	Shady	\$25,000	Splash Pad	As an alternative to the education center noted above, the Board supports installing a splash pad on top of the current pool. The water supply and concrete foundation are already in place, and this would be a nice amenity for youngster to cool off during drought times when the lake is down. It can be motion sensor activated and doesn't require a lifeguard.
1	Pecan	\$2,800	Installation of ADA Picnic Tables, BBQ Grills, and Trash Can Enclosures	Two of each of these items are currently proposed in Year 2 for Pecan Park. The Board would like to have at least one set installed in Year 1 primarily to spread funding across all Jonestown Parks.
5	Sculpture	\$15,000	Installation of an actual sculpture in Sculpture Park adjacent to FM 1431 (across from Veterans Memorial Park)	This item is included in the proposed budget as a year 2 item. The Board feels this is not a priority item at this time. However, they do wish to ultimately have a Jonestown centric sculpture there, and it would be a bonus if permanent structures for hanging event banners could be included.
2-4	Reed	\$18,000	Trails and 9-hole disc golf course	David and Laura Reed Parks are currently underutilized and can easily be upgraded to provide low maintenance trails with a nine-hole disc golf course intertwined. Disc golf is a low cost, family friendly activity that promotes health and exercise, and has gained popularity over the years.
1-5	Jones Brothers	\$5,000 each year	Harmonic Music Instruments	The Board would like to see interactive high quality musical instrument structures like those found at the Marble Falls Square and to be used by adults and children alike. The instruments must be able to produce pleasant and harmonic sounds. See the Freenotes Harmony Park website. ( <a href="http://www.freenotesharmoniypark.com">www.freenotesharmoniypark.com</a> )
2 or 3	Jones Brothers	\$150,000	Large playscape and shade structure	The rusting on the playscape has accelerated since last year. If a contractor cannot be found to make the needed repairs, this structure is not likely to make it to Year 5 as currently proposed. The Board is hoping to repair the existing structure and extend its life, but if this is not possible, it will need to be replaced sooner than Year 5. If replacement is needed, the Board recommends a modular structure with add on capabilities and climbing activities that encourage agility and strength.