

Park Board
October 28, 1996

A meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Monday, October 28, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at the Waxahachie Police Building, 216 N. College, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Betty Getzendaner
Robert Baber
Rufus Venters
Evelyn Pitts
Renda Hickerson

Members Absent: Carolyn Leslie
Mark Clemmons

Others Present: Bob Sokoll, City Manager
Gerry Heine, Assistant City Manager
Elaine Prater, Assistant City Secretary

Mr. Gerry Heine stated the purpose of the meeting was to give an update on the proposed Waxahachie Creek Corridor Project. He stated a study had been done in 1986 by a group of Texas A & M University students on a conceptual design plan for a park along a portion of the Waxahachie Creek. The project would include improvements along Waxahachie Creek, extending from Sardis through Getzendaner Park to Lions Park with biking, jogging and nature trails, playground areas, etc. He noted the last time the project was discussed by the Park Board the City had applied for a grant but was not successful in receiving the grant funds. Grant funding is available once again and he stated this would be a good time to apply for the grant. Mr. Heine explained the City needed to hire a consultant to help with preparation of the grant application and the City should submit the application by January 31, 1997.

It was noted by City Manager Bob Sokoll there was a possibility some surplus funds from the 1995-96 budget could be used along with grant monies to help fund the project. He felt the project would enhance the City and the citizens of Waxahachie would also benefit from the project.

The Park Board members discussed various concerns if the City was successful in getting the grant for the project. Some of their concerns were: (a) maintenance of the project; (b) whether or not lighting would be provided; (c) if landscaping would be provided; and (d) safety.

Mr. Gerry Heine stated if the Park Board members wanted to proceed with the project, a Public Hearing would be held and a consultant would be available to answer any questions they might have.

After a brief discussion Mrs. Renda Hickerson moved to proceed with the preparation of a grant application. Mrs. Evelyn Pitts seconded, All Ayes.

Mr. Heine gave the following update:

1. The lot on Jackson Street acquired from C.A. Wilson Company has been cleared -- plans are to beautify the lot by including a brick plaza, walkway and lighting.
2. Money has been included in the budget for a softball and soccer field at Penn Park.
3. Dirt is being hauled in for construction of fifth ballfield at Lions Park.
4. Improvements are being made at the Chautauqua Auditorium including new curtains, painting of outside of building, and brick repair.
5. The roadway through Getzendaner Park has been paved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Prater, Assistant City Secretary