

August 2016 Fort Calhoun Park Board Meeting

Commenced meeting at 7:06 pm.

Roll call: Members Barabas, Christensen, Lautrup, Commissioner Shuler, and community member Jeanne Knight present.

Open Meeting Laws reviewed.

Member Musser arrive at 7:10 pm.

Board discussed status of gazebo including status of electrical power.

Board discussed status of existing gazebo/structure. Board discussed installation of a pergola with an adjacent stone grill for outdoor cooking.

Board motioned and approved to remove the current gazebo in West Market Square Park with the intent to pursue a future pergola and adjacent stone grill. The board recommends making these changes coincident with the upgrades to West Market Square park in spring 2017.

Board discussed West Market Square drainage project. Commissioner Shuler reported JEO Consulting will start with the project in March 2017. He also reported \$30,000 in grants have been procured for this project.

Board discussed board membership. Member Christensen reported Sunshine Welchert has agreed to join the Park Board. Board also recognized resignation of Member Maxon from the Park Board.

Board discussed shade for softball/baseball complex. Member Christensen discussed the lack of shade around the concession stand and between the ball fields. Member Christensen recommended purchase of a large awning over the area for shade, and is pursuing bids for next meeting.

Member Barabas reports that trees previously purchased for Pioneer Park have been planted.

Commissioner Shuler reported that members of the community have reported bag worms on some park trees. He also reported Japanese beetles have been identified in some trees. The Board recommends evaluating what can be done to treat the affected trees for each.

Jeanne Knight provided public comment regarding the possibility of extending the concrete around the new gazebo to allow for additional tables or benches. Park Board discussed this as part of the project and agrees with extending the concrete.

Park Board adjourned at 8:05 pm.