

Town of Red Cross Minutes of
Public Park Workshop
Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Present: Lionel Hahn - Chairman

Members Present: Andrew Smith- Town Council Liaison, Kristi Thompson- Secretary,
Wendell Copeland, Jennifer D'Amore, Heather Britt – Alternate

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Members Not Present: Tina Eudy- Vice Chairman, and Thelma Tomberlin

Lionel opened the workshop with comments from the board

Mike Efird began by welcoming everyone for attending the workshop. Mike Efird explained the town would like to hear comments as to what everyone feels is most important to them regarding a park on town property. The town is in the very beginning stages of planning, so it is important to hear from the citizens what is important to them so the town can try to incorporate these visions into the design of the park.

Andrew Smith shared he is excited about the park, and that he would enjoy seeing green space, nature preservation, and agricultural reflection of the history of the town. The barn on town hall property if able to restore, would be a great possible venue for community events.

Wendell Copeland shared he would like to see the ponds, the barn on the property, the other buildings on the property be utilized as well as they can be. He also shared he would like to see a walking trail be brought back for the community.

Kristi Thompson shared she also feels a walking trail would be a great addition to a park along with a second entrance be designed to give better access to the property.

Jennifer D'Amore shared she would like to see a partnership be formed with the high school cross country and local youth. Some friends and family she spoke with also shared they would like to possibly see ponds for fishing, a splash pad for children, and possibly a dog park.

Citizen comments:

The citizens mentioned: Splash pads, a walking path, a fishing pond, a playground that can be wheelchair accessible and inclusive to handicap needs, a fishing derby, picnic areas with some primitive and some more developed, partnering with the AG center, building a community garden, museum in one of the buildings, offices for police, information or visitor center especially geared towards people traveling through the town on their way to the beach.

Open comments/discussion included: possible tractor shows, amphitheater, concerts in the park, movies in the park, a large covered shelter for events, and being a location in general for groups or businesses to host events.

Lionel adjourned the workshop and thanked everyone in attendance.

Shannon Alberta- Town Clerk

Lionel Hahn - Chairman