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AGENDA

Meeting of the Sherman Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Monday, January 12th – 7:00pm
Sherman Village Hall

This meeting will be open to the public.

1. Establish planning goals, team members and benchmark dates for:
 - a. A review and update of the Mayor Clatfelter's planned Veterans Memorial and Route 66 Historic Park and Conservation Area. Since the completion of the original plan a number of new developments have occurred which require a thorough review and probable revisions to the plan. With the creation of Mayor Clatfelter's Sherman Clean & Green Beautification and Gateway programs there is need to address the entry to the park, the corner of Andrew Road and the Lincoln Memorial Parkway (Sherman Blvd.), the development of a water feature, as well as certain aspects within the original plan which will strengthen our 2009 application for state funding under the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program. Additional attention will be given to the Veterans Memorial and Route 66 portions of the plan and it is expected to engage the additional advisory input from both veterans' service organizations, local veterans and Route 66 historic organizations and interested citizens. Also, both of these elements of the park offer both public and private funding opportunities beyond OSLAD.

NOTE: The Village has already received a \$30,000 state grant to be used for engineering design of the entry, parking and other related physical developments within the park. The Village Board has approved the development of this park subject to available funding.

- b. The development of a minimum of two conceptual plans (feasibility studies including cost estimates) for the development of a major 40 to 60 acre Sherman Community Park. This will be a significant project and will require a substantial amount of planning and conceptual design work. Our base for planning will be the parks and recreation input gained from the recent Citizen's Survey, the prior Sherman Mapping program and direct citizen input. *NOTE: It is important to recognize that our work on this project is in essence a feasibility study. The Mayor or the Village Board has not committed to build such a park. The purpose of the feasibility study will give the Mayor and Village Board the information (facilities, programs, staffing and developmental and operational cost estimates) needed to consider such a park development in the future*

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2. Establish planning dates for each of the two activities noted above. These dates will be published on the Village Web site and we will actively solicit more detailed input from the community during all planning meetings. This citizen's involvement will be aggressively pursued in order for the Village to be more competitive for not only the OSLAD funding but also other governmental and private funding. The OSLAD funding evaluation places 35% of the review points on broad and involved public participation. Please note that the additional public input does not mean that persons participating in the planning process will become members of the Advisory Committee unless so deemed by the Mayor. The Advisory Committee, as appointed by Mayor Clatfelter, will serve as intended, which in this case will be to complete recommendations through the conceptual feasibility studies on the above two facilities and present them to the Mayor and the Village Board. Update meetings with the Mayor and John Swinford, the new Sherman Village Administrator, will take place as the planning progresses.
3. Discussion of available planning resources.
4. Discussion of marketing techniques which can be used to attract citizen involvement.
5. Protocol for addressing questions from the media or related public information outlets.