



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 20 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

The Parker City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002.

Mayor Lee Pettie called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Councilmembers Amanda Noe and Buddy Pilgrim were present. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Reed and Councilmembers Todd Fecht and Randy Kercho were absent. City Administrator Olson verified a quorum of council was not present.

After discussion with present councilmembers, Mayor Lee Pettie recessed the meeting at 6:03 p.m. for a ten (10) minute delay, due to a lack of a quorum, stating Councilmember Fecht was on his way.

Mayor Pettie reconvened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Councilmembers Todd Fecht (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Amanda Noe, and Buddy Pilgrim were present. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Reed and Councilmember Randy Kercho were absent.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/Human Resources Director Grant Savage, Interim City Attorney Catherine Clifton, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Kenneth Price

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated the City Council may hold a closed meeting.

**RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:**

Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation.

Government Code Section 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act).

Mayor Lee Pettie recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Lee Pettie reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**ANY APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION ON ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECTS LISTED ABOVE.**

No action was taken.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**AMERICAN PLEDGE:** Parks and Recreation (P&R) Commission Chair Frank DaCosta led the pledge.

**TEXAS PLEDGE:** Cindy Meyer led the pledge.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

Sireesha Penmatsa, 4405 Dover Drive (Kings Crossing Phase 3), spoke in regard to her backyard flooding (*She noted the flooding is from the property behind her property she called it the Lewis Lane fields.*). Ms. Penmatsa said she has been unable to identify the owner. She would like to know who is responsible to rectify the problem.

Gary Arneson, 6900 Laramie Drive, Plano, Texas, spoke in regard to the ongoing water moratorium and its impact on his family's plans for 4 acres of land, located in Parker, Texas, platted in 1975, and never subdivided. Mr. Arneson said he was at the meeting tonight to request City Council set a date to explore exceptions to the water moratorium.

## ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Pettle reviewed the upcoming Community Interest items below:

1. **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (P&Z) – THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024, 5 PM –** Mayor Pettle noted the Marino SUP, Southfork rezonings, and COMP Plan were on the agenda.

**PEANUT BUTTER FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK – SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2024**

**PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL ACTION ON PROPOSED TAX RATE & BUDGET – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, 7 PM**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, 5 PM –** Mayor Pettle noted volunteers are needed to help with Parkerfest.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024, 6 P.M. – 9 P.M**

**CANCEL/RESCHEDULE OCTOBER 1, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO NNO**

**PARKERFEST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024, 10 AM – 2 PM**

**REMINDER – NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – GENERAL ELECTION (EV AND ED INFO) –**

### Early Voting Dates and Times

Monday, October 21, 2024 – Friday, October 25, 2024 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 26, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 27, 2024 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2024 – Friday, November 1, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Routine Council business. Consent Agenda is approved by a single majority vote. Items may be removed for open discussion by a request from a Councilmember or member of staff.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2024. [REGULAR MEETING]
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2024-806 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF PLANO AND ALLEN, TX FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

MOTION: Councilmember Noe moved to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2 as presented. Councilmember Pilgrim seconded.

Councilmember Noe asked for additional discussion/review on Resolution No. 2024-806 authorizing the City to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the cities of Plano and Allen, TX for Communication Services.

Fire Chief Sheff reviewed the information in tonight's packet and responded to questions.

Councilmembers Fecht, Noe, and Pilgrim voting for the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

4. PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REVIEW.

Parks and Recreation (P&R) Commission Chair Frank DaCosta reviewed the Parks and Recreation (P&R) PowerPoint and responded to questions. [**See Exhibit 1** – P&R Commission's Overview, dated Tuesday, August 20, 2024.]

MOTION: Councilmember Noe moved to accept the P&R Annual Review. Councilmember Fecht seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Noe, and Pilgrim voting for the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ROUTINE ITEMS**

5. UPDATE(S):

##### **FM2551**

City Administrator Olson said the project was ongoing, but it is basically at a standstill as utilities are being moved.

##### **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ)**

No report

##### **POLICE VEHICLES**

City Administrator Olson noted the City has received all the vehicles ordered, the vehicles have been outfitted, and are now in service.

##### **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS UPDATE**

##### **DUBLIN ROAD WATERLINES:**

City Administrator said the final walkthrough is being completed, noting the project is on track.

##### **NOISE COMMITTEE:**

Councilmember Fecht said he is doing some research and hoped to have the initial meeting soon.

#### **MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

City Council accepted the reports hyperlinked below:

[July 2024 - Building Permit/Code Report](#)

[July 2024 – Court Report](#)

[July 2024 – Finance \(monthly financials\) Report](#)

[Investment 2nd Qtr. Report 2024](#)

[June 2024 – Republic Services Inc., dba Allied Waste Services of Plano](#)

[July 2024 – Republic Services Inc., dba Allied Waste Services of Plano](#)

#### **DONATION(S)**

##### **6. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$1,000 [RES. NO. 2024-801])**

Manny (LNU) donated 1 case water & 1 case diet soda valued at \$15 to the Police Department.

Mayor Pettie, on behalf of herself, City Council, and City Staff, thanked the donor for the kind and generous donation.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Pettie asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda. Councilmember Noe requested an item already on the future agenda items, “Enterprise contract”, be scheduled. Councilmember Pilgrim also requested an item already on the future agenda items, “Exceptions to water moratorium,” be placed on either the September 17<sup>th</sup> or the October 8<sup>th</sup> agenda for consideration.

Hearing no additional requests, Mayor Pettie encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

#### **PRESENTATION(S)**

##### **PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR LUKE B. OLSON**

Mayor Pettie recognized City Administrator Olson, presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the City, and gifted him with golf balls with the City’s logo and his name on them. Mr. Olson’s resignation is effective August 30, 2024.

Mayor Pettie, on behalf of herself, City Council, City Staff, and residents thanked Mr. Olson for his service and adjourned for a reception in his honor.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

RECEPTION FOR THE  
OUTGOING CITY ADMINSTRATOR



APPROVED:

  
Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:

  
Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 3rd day  
of September, 2024.



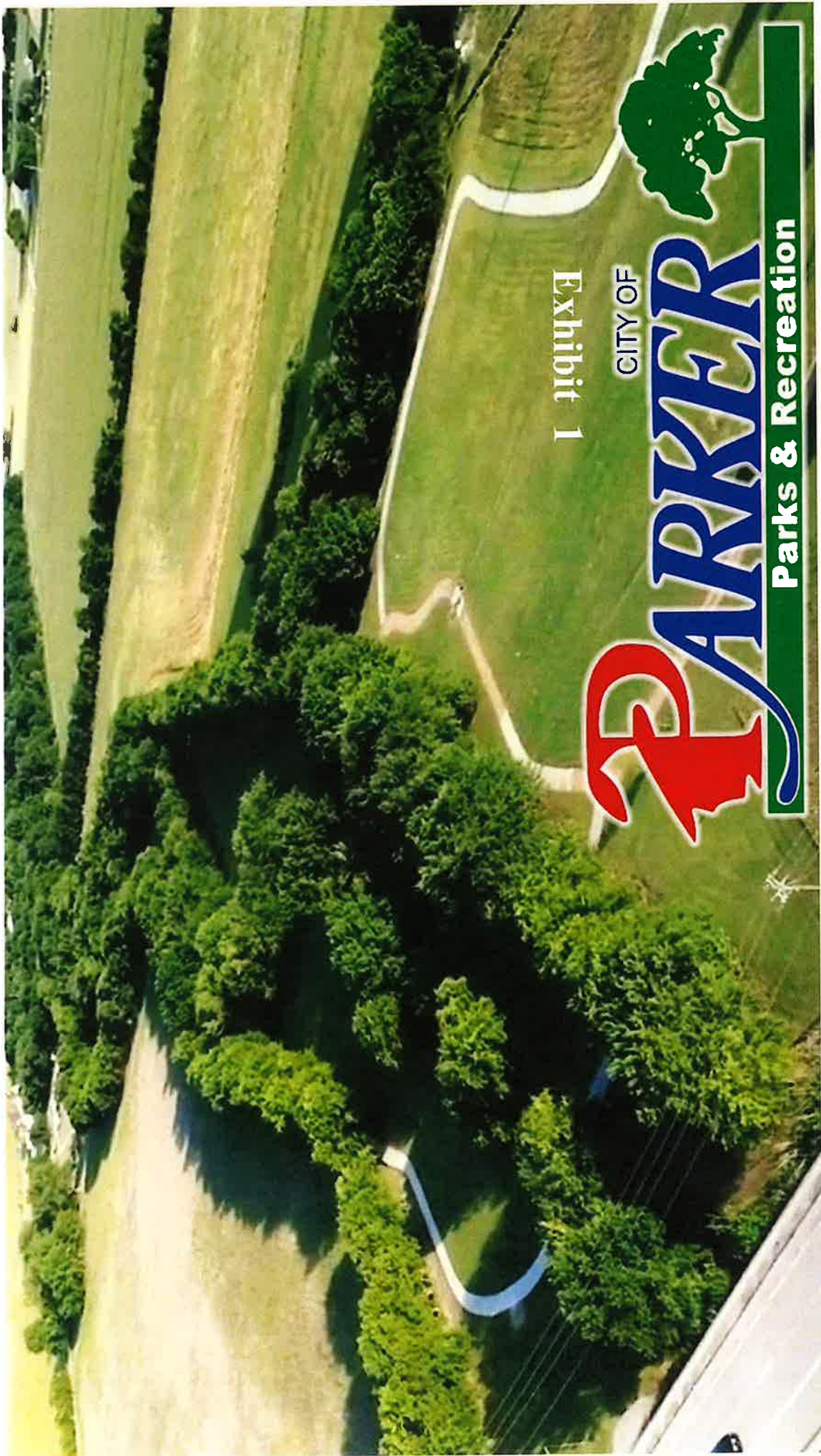


Exhibit 1

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**PARKER**

**Parks & Recreation**



# Voting Members



**Frank**  
DaCosta



**Donna**  
DaCosta



**Cherie**  
Ware



**Pier**  
Burgess



**Cyndy**  
Lane

# Alternates



**Richard**  
Pratt



**Vickie**  
Pilgrim



**Shauna**  
Warmbrodt



**Wendy**  
Clark



# What We Do: Beautification







# Wildflower Planting Area

PARKER

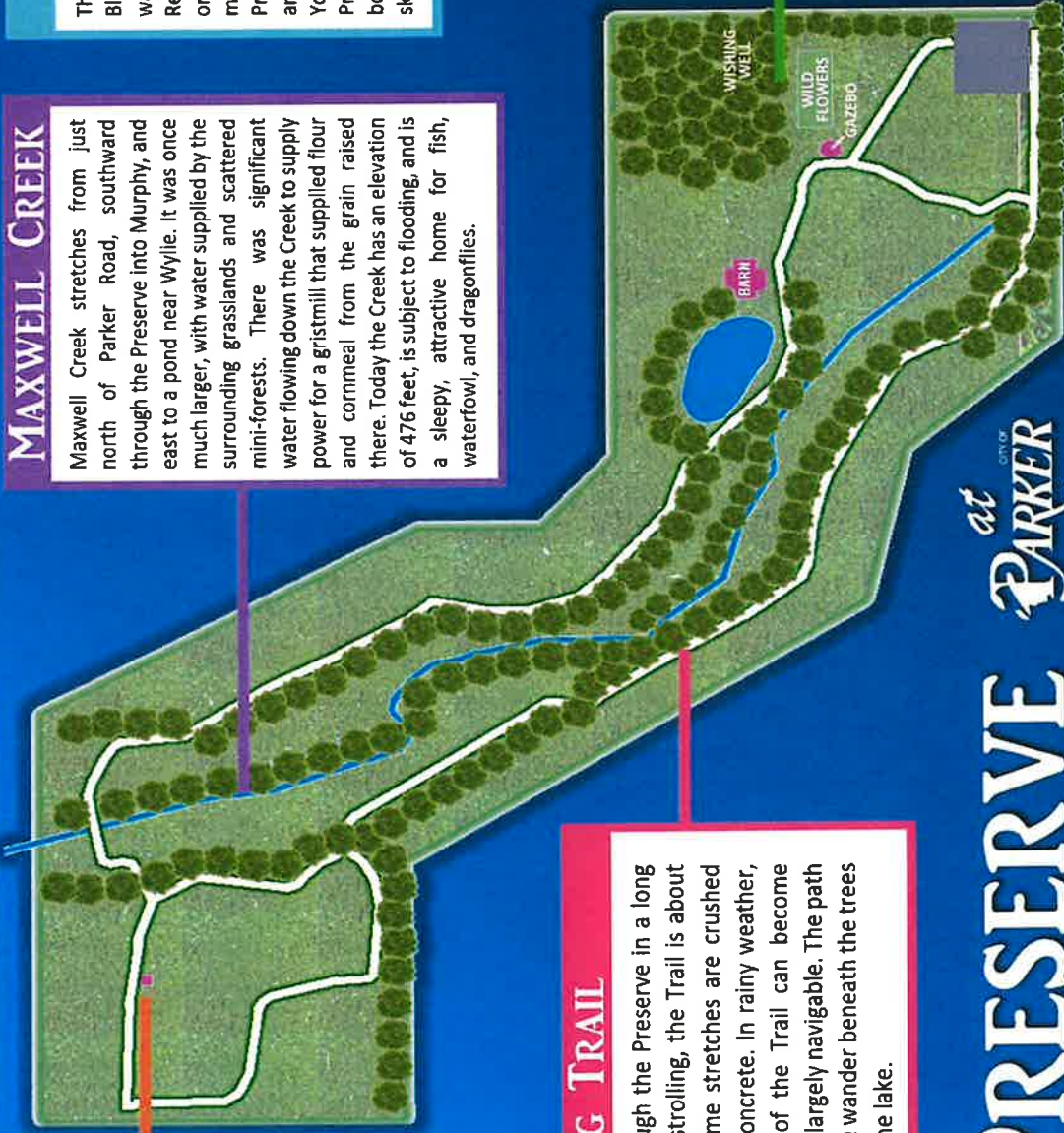


## COTTON GIN

William C. Parker, namesake of the community, was farmer and successful businessman who owned a gristmill and cotton gin. The cotton gin was first operated by mule power and later by steam engine fueled by wood and coal. After World War II farmers began to move to cities to work and cotton production declined. The gin in Parker fell silent. Today all that remains of the Parker Gin is part of the original foundation.

## MAXWELL CREEK

Maxwell Creek stretches from just north of Parker Road, southward through the Preserve into Murphy, and east to a pond near Wylie. It was once much larger, with water supplied by the surrounding grasslands and scattered mini-forests. There was significant water flowing down the Creek to supply power for a gristmill that supplied flour and cornmeal from the grain raised there. Today the Creek has an elevation of 476 feet, is subject to flooding, and is a sleepy, attractive home for fish, waterfowl, and dragonflies.



## WALKING TRAIL

The Nature Trail winds through the Preserve in a long loop. Perfect for jogging or strolling, the Trail is about 4,250 feet, or 0.8 miles. Some stretches are crushed granite, other portions are concrete. In rainy weather, the ground to either side of the Trail can become muddy, but the Trail remains largely navigable. The path is particularly pleasant as you wander beneath the trees and near Maxwell Creek or the lake.

## ENVIRONMENT

The Preserve is in a geographic area termed "The Blackland Prairie". At one time this whole area was part of the sea. The soil is "Houston clay", a Rendzina soil with gray/black surface layers of organic matter overlying soft, lighter layers of marl, chalk, and soft limestone. Almost the entire Preserve lies in the flood plain of Maxwell Creek, and the normal annual rainfall is 30-40 inches. You are likely to see many kinds of wildlife in the Preserve: ducks and many other bird species; bobcats, coyotes, opossum, rabbits, raccoons, skunks and squirrels.

## LANDMARKS

If you wander the Preserve, you'll find a number of features along the way that lend beauty and character to the parkland.

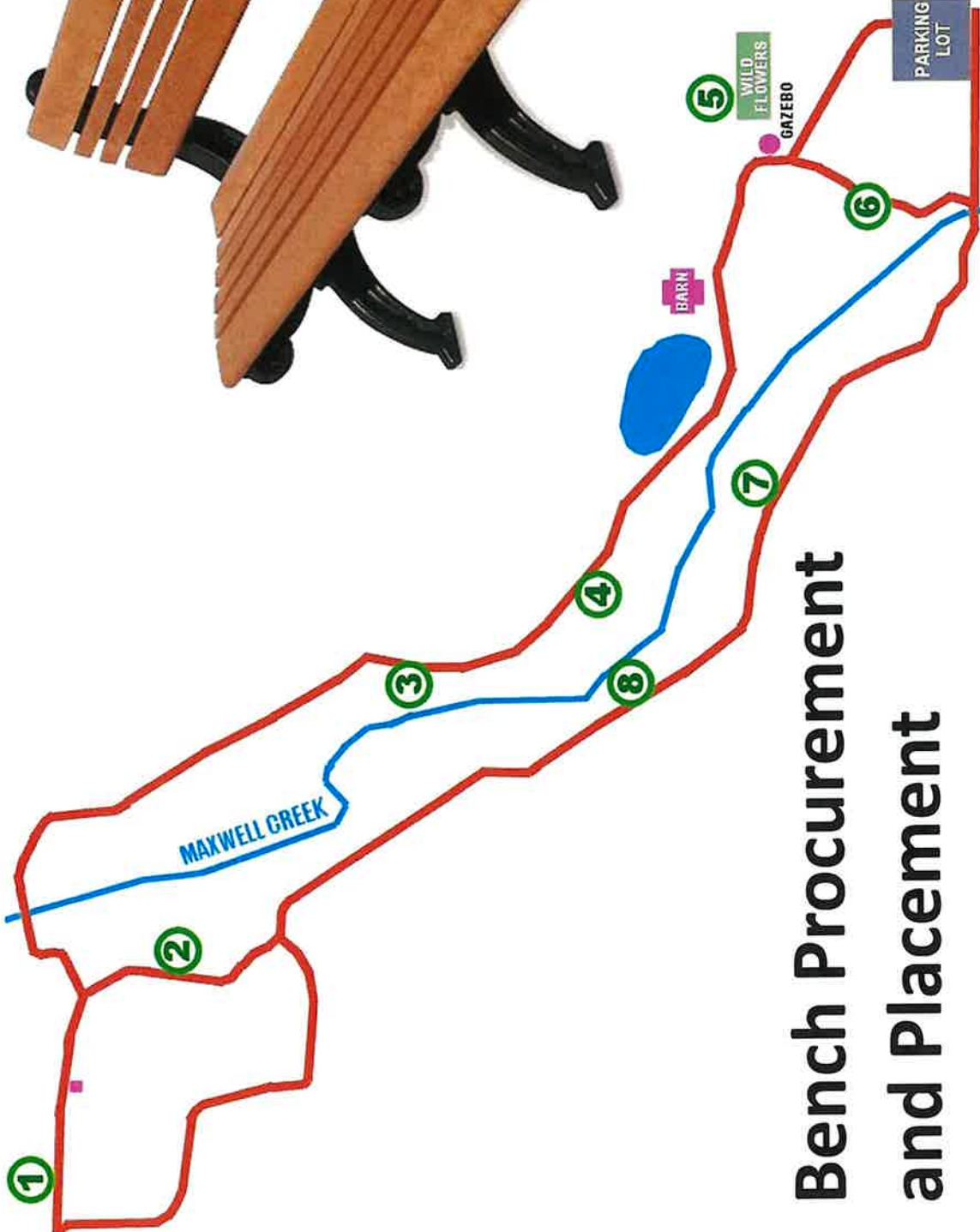
**The Barn** is a landmark worth looking at, though it is in disrepair. For reasons of safety, visitors are no longer allowed to enter it, but you can still appreciate its historic beauty from your vantage point along the lake or the Nature Trail.

**The Wishing Well** is tucked away in the trees north of the Gazebo. The mouth of the well is sealed, so save your coins, but it is still a fun place to visit and take a seat nearby.

**The Wildflower Garden** is a beautiful work in progress just south of the trees. Be careful not to tread the garden under foot, but stroll by and see what flowers may be coming up this month.

**The Gazebo** is open to all. It is a welcome spot for relief from the sun in summer months, to rest for lunch and conversation, or just to enjoy the view.

# THE PRESERVE at PARKER



# Bench Procurement and Placement



# What We Do:

## Events









**THE  
IRON  
FIST  
OF  
DUNCAN**



**CONCERT in the  
PRESERVE!**

**FREE!**

**SAT 6pm**

**MAY 11**

**BRING LAWN CHAIRS & PICNIC ITEMS!**







★ **GREAT AMERICAN** ★  
 **CLEANUP!** ★  
★ Keep Parker Beautiful ★



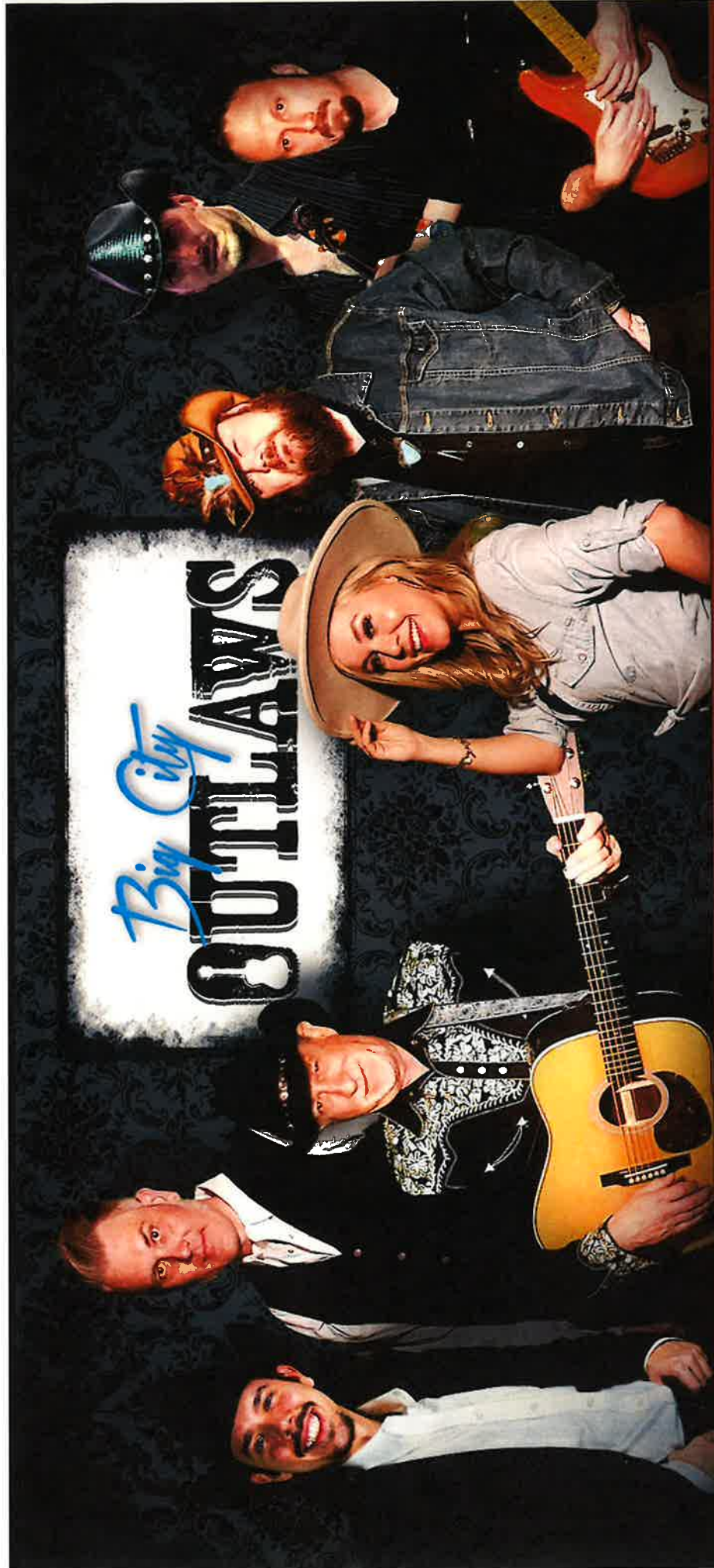


**PARKERFEST!**









Live Music!  
Car Show!  
Games For All!  
Candy & Prizes!  
Pumpkin Decoration!

Cake Walk!  
Petting Zoo!  
Bounce House!  
Food & Drink!

**OCTOBER 29th**  
**SUNDAY 3-6PM**  
**PARKER CITY HALL**







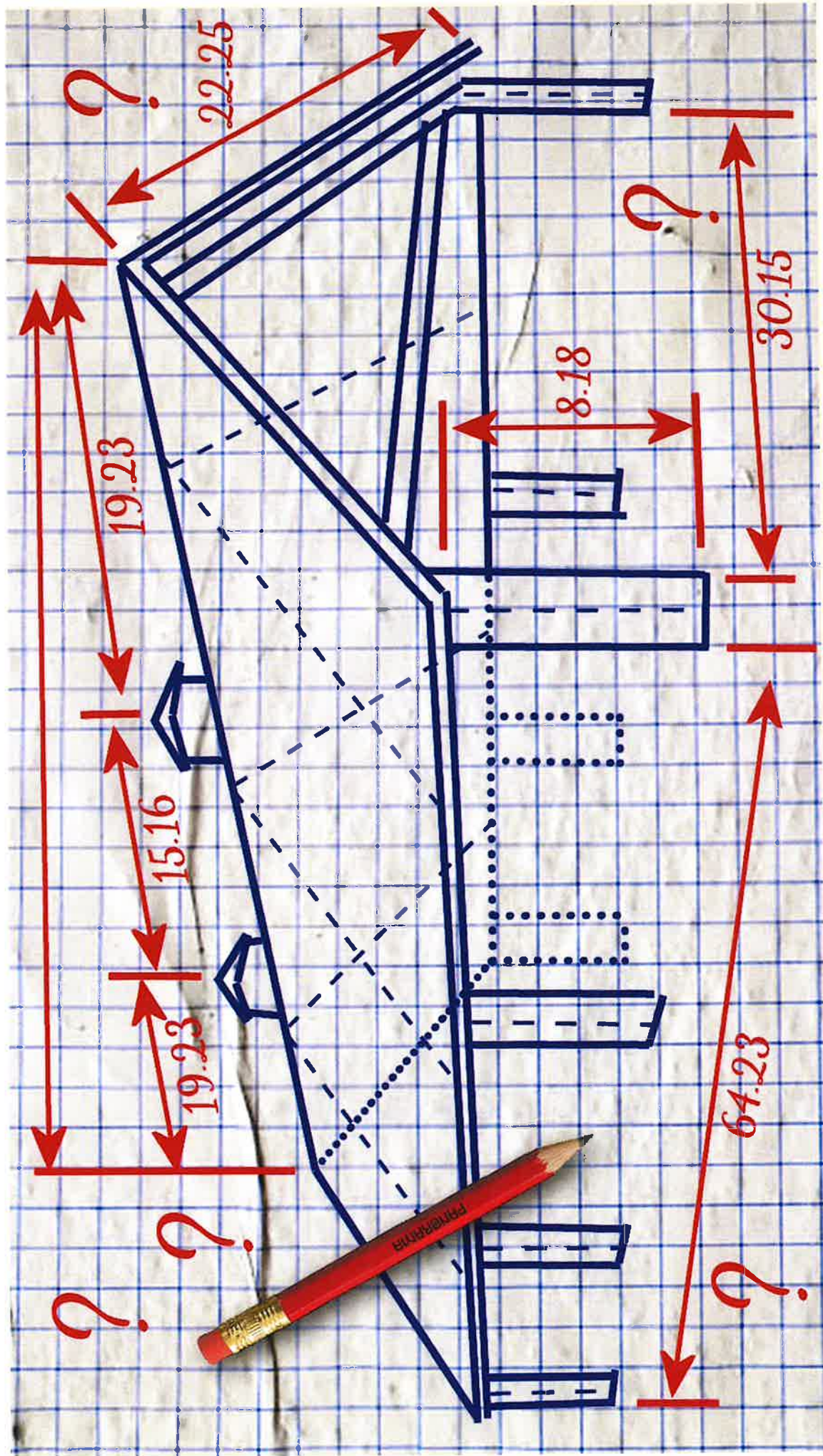




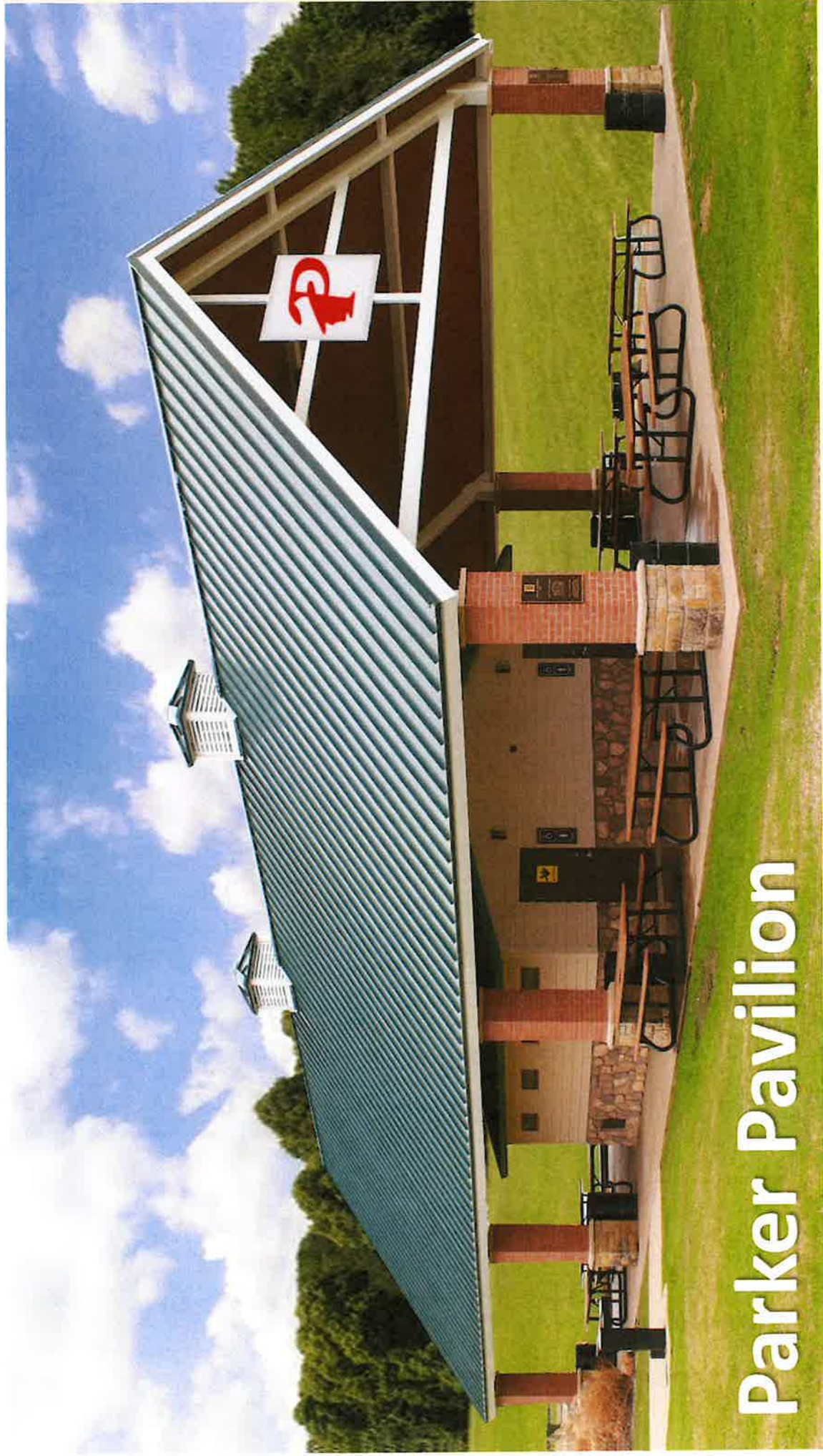


# What We Do: Dream









Parker Pavilion



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PARKS & RECREATION!





**THANK YOU!**

