

John Brock

From: Joshua Husemann
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 3:37 PM
To: John Brock
Subject: Parks & Rec concerns

Sorry for the late email here, and if you can't include this stuff with the Parks & Rec board recommendations to Town Council for Monday, I understand. I ended up having a crazy busy morning for work today since it's the second day of school. We spoke some last night at the meeting about our concerns with offering Pine Park to the county for the Fire Station, per Councilor Miles discussion. I am sure some of the other members brought up some valid points, but I wanted to send along my concerns.

1. I joined the P&R board in January, and every meeting since I've been here, we have somehow discussed Pine Park and its next steps to get it incorporated into a town park. I have concern that this is now potentially going to be taken away and not used as a park.
2. Councilor Miles has said himself that we need more parks, specifically in Talichet and Venezia...Pine Park would be one of the closest for both of these communities.
3. There was discussion that with development of Hillside Groves (I think that's the name now), that the developer would be required to add an entryway into Pine Park, or at least get the entry off 19 completed.
4. While I commend Councilor Miles for trying to think outside the box with doing wastewater on the property off Number Two Road, and potentially moving the Fire Station to Pine Park, have we even asked the County if they'd want it there?
5. If a wastewater treatment plant is placed on the current parcel that was projected to be a Fire Station, Police HQ, and Town hall, I would guess that Police and Town Hall won't move? If this is the case, how are we going to serve all the potential new citizens that are expected to move here with the influx of development? Would we not need a larger police presence, as well as larger town staff?
6. If a wastewater facility is put on that current parcel, will it serve the whole town, or just a portion? Town hall and the police station, along with a Lake County Fire Department would serve 100% of the community, while a wastewater facility might only serve some of the community. I would have concern that residents that won't benefit from the facility would potentially take issue with needing to pay for services that they're not privy to being able to use.

Thank you,

Joshua