

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2016
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. Consider approval of minutes from January 6, 2016 meeting

IV. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

At this time, any person with business before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board may speak to the Board. All comments must be directed towards the Chair, rather than individual board members or staff. All speakers must limit their comments to subject matter relating to the board. No formal action can be taken on these items.

V. REGULAR ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider information brought to the Board from the Citizens to help raise money for a sign to name island in the middle of Sonora Park

VI. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Brickworks Festival will be held on April 15th, 16th and 17th 2016
- B. Kid Fish, Bark in the Park and National Kids in the Park Day are May 21, 2016
- C. Sonora Park pond was Stocked on January 13, 2016 with 1700 Trout
- D. Bloxom Park
- E. Senior Living Center
- F. The Sidewalk Project
- G. The Vineyards
- H. Discuss and consider The Park Master Plan

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Gloria Rangel, Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 3, 2016

Agenda Item No: MINUTES APPROVAL - A.

I. Subject:

Consider approval of minutes from January 6, 2016 meeting

II. Originated by:

Gloria Rangel, Public Works Administrative Assistant

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

Approve

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

1.	01.06.2016 Mtg Minutes	01.06.2016 PRB Minutes.doc
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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2016
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Deaver called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Azam Shaikh, Jeff Nevarez, Dylan Black, David Deaver, Alan Pederson **Absent:** Michael Chandler, Glenn Shark

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

Consider approval of minutes from November 4, 2015 regular meeting. **Motion to:** Approve November 4, 2015 minutes with changes **Action:** Approve. **Moved By:** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded:** Alan Pederson **Motion Passed Unanimously**

IV. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

Citizens for Fleniken's Island Laurie Sanders and Gale Power spokespersons presented history of the property information and support from Facebook on naming the island in the middle of the Sonora Park pond. Jeff Nevarez and Azam Shaikh gave suggestions for them to go to the Historical Society, get more support and more funding for the sign.

V. REGULAR ITEMS

A. Monarch Migration Support Project David Deaver

Consider approval of Park Board support to support Monarch Migration Mitigation Project. **Motion to:** Approve Monarch Mitigation Project **Action:** Approve **Moved By:** Azam Shaikh **Seconded By:** Dylan Black, **Motion Passed Unanimously**

B. Brickworks Commission would like approval to sell beer and wine to shop vendors while in the park during the event. Park Board would like to make a recommendation Jeff Nevarez made motion and Dylan Black second

Consider approval Beer and wine sales at The Brickworks Festival. **Motion to:** Approve beer and wine sales at The brickworks Festival **Action:** Approve **Moved By:** Jeff Nevarez **Seconded By:** Dylan Black second, **Motion Passed Unanimously**

VI. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Brickworks Festival is scheduled for April 15th 16th and 17th in Town Center Park
- B. Bloxom Park Road Construction is under way hopefully finished in the next couple of weeks. When they are done with that they will move down to Village Street by the Ball fields where XTO will be paying for the repairs
- C. The paving at the Public Works Facility is done, we are working on getting some curb and gutters put in for run off
- D. Sidewalk Project should be done in the next five weeks. TxDot has helped us with some striping and they trying to help us complete the Green Ribbon Project
- E. All trees and along the Parkway should be cleaned up this winter
- F. We hired Mr. Ron Taylor who comes to us with 17yrs experience from the City of Irving. We are trying to implement new ideas to make the street department flow better.
- G. Softball fields scoreboard were vandalized again, all wires were ripped out, we will work on getting the scoreboards fixed and look into getting video surveillance done
- H. Eric Teddy emailed again to get the 18 hole course built, Park Board has advised we will not be able to approve that at this time since the Senior Living Facility is coming in.
- I. Valley Lane is falling into the creek, the repairs will cost probably at least six figures, but it is being looked into and will be down to one lane until further notice.
- J. Christmas tree lighting was wonderful, we saw some room for improvement in the next year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to: Adjourn **Action:** Adjourn. **Moved By:** Dylan Black

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm

Approved:

David Deaver, Chairman

Attest:

Gloria Rangel, Park Board Secretary



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I. Subject:

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III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

1.	PRB Flenikens history	Flenikens history.pdf
2.	PRB Facebook votes	PB Facebook votes.pdf
3.	PRB Park History	Past ownership of Sonora Park.docx

Kennedale Park Board Meeting

Wednesday, January, 2016

**Information Regarding Kennedale Property Where Sonora Park Is Now
Located**

**As Written By Larry W. Fleniken Who Resided On The Property When
The Property Was Known As "Fleniken's Tanks"**

We moved to Kennedale during the summer of 1963, before I entered the 7th grade. The house we moved into was across the RR tracks on New Hope Rd. As I recall it was approximately 52 acres that was bordered New Hope Road on the south, the RR track by a dirt road. I believe this road leads to a sports field(s) now. There were two large stock tanks or tanks separated by a dam, more on this later. There was a large barn adjacent to the dam and next to the RR track.

The barn appeared to have been a working dairy at one time, complete with concrete floors, wooden stanchions and feed trays to keep the cows amused while taking their milk. I'm guessing you could have milked 30 to 40 cows at the same time. We actually had a couple of cows and there was a time when one of my chores was to milk both cows. Part was used for drinking, cooking and the like and the remainder was used to make our own butter. The good ole days. Back then you could go down to the stockyards and buy day old calves for a couple of bucks. We would hand raise the calves for resale or to grace our table.

We lived in a two bedroom frame house just off New Hope Road that I'm guessing was built in the 30s or 40s. Behind and closer to the RR track was a small carriage house. Next to the carriage house was a non-functional outhouse. The unique thing about this outhouse were the initials WPA and a date scratched into the cement while it was still wet. About 30 yards beyond the house and before the tank was a pig pen and hen house, also my chores, but I'm not whining, I was and remain very fond of bacon and eggs.

My fondest memories are the countless hours spent in and around the tanks with friends, (I wish I had a nickel for everytime I've had to explain what a stock tank is to people who have never lived in Texas!). There was always plenty of fun things to do any time of the year, hunting, fishing, horseback riding. But the best time of the year was summer.

I mentioned the dam between the two tanks and that's where we spent most of our time during the summer. There was a very old and very large willow tree that had fallen into the tank and continued to grow with it's trunk parallel to the top of the water. My buddies and I cut limbs and cleared shrubs until we converted the tree into a diving platform with the higher limbs used as a diving board. We would spend hours swimming, playing, talking and the occasional cigarette break. The play usually turned into a game we called appropriately "dunkem". We would choose teams and try to dunk the members of the other team. One team would guard the homebase, (tree trunk), and the other team's mission was to get to base without being dunked. I'm pretty sure I swallowed about fifty gallons of tank water over the years. The best was Rusty Boyd, he could swim forever with nothing but his eyes exposed and when he caught you, you were going under.

On the east side of the front tank was an island that ran about one third of the way across the tank. It was completely covered in cattails and inhabited by frogs, turtles and red-winged blackbirds, hundreds of them.

The second tank was much more shallow than the front tank and there was really only one area deep enough for water activities. There really wasn't a suitable tree for a diving platform so we had to improvise. Someone came up with a great idea to erect an early version of what they now call a Zip Line. So we cleared off two trees on the back and side of the tank to hold the line. We took turns swimming one end of the wire cable across the tank and secured it to each tree. We fed the line thru a 3 to 4 foot pipe and that's what we used to hold onto as we slid from one side to the next. There was rope on the cable that hung down to the water and that was how you returned the "handle" to the next guy in

line by slinging it back. And at the right time of year we would feast on the Mulberry trees growing on the perimeter of the tank, life was good. Gorge yourself on Mulberries, throw what you couldn't eat at a buddy, paint yourself purple and jump in the tank and wash it off.

Behind the back tank was a small field, maybe ten acres which ended in a treeline. Just beyond the treeline was a small, seasonal stream that fed into Village Creek. The small stream had a pronounced sand bar that was a great place to camp out. It was an area nestled in tall trees alongside a sometime babbling brook. The kinda place we pay big bucks to visit now. That was where I learned to drink my coffee black. A couple of us went camping one night, built a campfire and brewed some hobo coffee. When I asked who brought the coffeemate, I was severely rebuked by my fellow campers and my manhood was questioned. I've taken my coffee black ever since.

Once you cross the creek you would walk another 50 yards and come to another pretty good size field. I think this is close to the current sports complex I mentioned earlier.

There were two types of fish as I recall, perch and catfish. To fish for the perch you walked thru pasture and collected unsuspecting grasshoppers. For catfish, we'd go to Buddies Grocery Store and buy 25 cents worth of calf liver and fish all night long. We had a couple of different ways to make our spending money for essentials, like cigarettes, cokes, fish bait, ammo for my .22 cal single shot rifle. One way we made money in the summer time was unloading trucks packed with watermelons. I'm not going to mention anything else, as I'm not sure the statute of limitations has expired.

Well this is some of the highlights I recall about living in Kennedale, I intentionally left out all the lowlights to protect the guilty. This has been a wonderful exercise thinking back on the time and place I grew up. You felt safe, didn't think twice about walking to the store by yourself; I don't think the doors on the house had locks, if it did, it was a latch on the screen door, it was just a wonderful time and place to live. You got up in the morning, knew what you had to do. You don't dare get caught sitting around the house, because if you did, someone would put you to work. So you stayed outside all day playing as long as you were in the house when the street lights came on. I wouldn't change a thing even if I could. I wish more young people today were exposed to that lifestyle. The nation would be in a better place.

January 6, 2016

This is a copy of people who are voicing their request to name the island at Sonora Park, Fleniken's Island, and they also share some fond memories of it. We would like to name it Fleniken's in honor great memories of the kids from the 1960's – 1980's who all referred to it as going to swim or fish and hunt at Fleniken's. We would like to submit this to the Kennedale Park's Board for consideration.

The comments below were posted on facebook on the Memories of Growing up in Kennedale and the Kennedale Alumni Pages over the past couple of months.

Who would want to name the island at Sonora Park, Fleniken's Island. I personally think it will be more than a hand full of you who have great memories of this place growing up. Please let us know your vote. If Fleniken's holds a special memory for you and you like that name, let it be known! Comment below please! Speak now! Please voice your vote below!

Sylvia Pizana Yes like the name.

Like · Reply · 1 · December 19, 2015 at 8:20am



Crissy Windell I vote yes

Like · Reply · December 19, 2015 at 9:36am



Rodney Polly I like Fleniken's

Like · Reply · December 19, 2015 at 4:57pm



Colin Parks Fleniken's

Like · Reply · December 19, 2015 at 6:27pm



Buddy Young Fleniken's

Like · Reply · December 20, 2015 at 9:18am



Kathy Luttrell Rahier yes yes yes i think it is a WONDERFUL idea

Like · Reply · December 31, 2015 at 1:36pm

William Austin Fleniken's Island.

Like · Reply · December 31, 2015 at 6:05pm



John Boyd to me it has always been Fleniken's tank so I'm in with the name change

Like · Reply · 1 · 7 hrs



Sherry Beardwhite I vote yes

Like · Reply · 7 hrs

John Boyd, Colin Parks, Sylvia Pizana and 6 others like this.

[Lisa Basaldu-Ramos](#), [Eddie Waldrop](#), [Diana Waldrop Burns](#) and [2 others](#) like this.

Comments



[Frankie Meek](#) All my kids talked about when in school so guess it meant something to them It can't hurt Better than Sonora park was

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 15, 2015 at 7:58pm · Edited



[Faye Swindell Leach](#) Johnny Ray said he used to skip school and go swimming

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 15, 2015 at 7:59pm



[Laurie Middleton Sanders](#) So Faye, is that a vote from you and Johnny Ray to name it Fleniken's?

Like · Reply · December 15, 2015 at 8:02pm · Edited



[Faye Swindell Leach](#) Yes sorry

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 15, 2015 at 8:06pm



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[Lisa Pistokache Cooper](#) I vote yes it should be named that.

Unlike · Reply · 3 · December 15, 2015 at 8:00pm



[Kathy Luttrell Rahier](#) i vote YES YES YES

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 15, 2015 at 8:05pm



[David Lee Wright](#) I definitely vote yes and if Carl Bedford easy around, my cousin was around he would vote yes. He taught me and my brother Mike to swim in Fleniken's.

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 15, 2015 at 8:18pm



[David Lee Wright](#) I think a lot of people skipped school to go swimming there.

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 15, 2015 at 8:19pm



[Faye Swindell Leach](#) Not me I have no idea where y'all are talking about curious now I wonder if Margie knows??? Lol I'm going to ask her??

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 15, 2015 at 8:29pm



[Timothy Davis](#) All my brothers would vote yes lol

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 15, 2015 at 8:34pm



[David Lee Wright](#) Faye you never skipped school and went swimming there. I believe I saw you there once. Lol

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Faye Swindell Leach Lol no you didn't you must have been dreaming lmao

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David Lee Wright I remember your bathing suit. Lol

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David Usrey I vote yes!

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Faye Swindell Leach Johnny Ray knew Larry

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David Lee Wright Larry Fleniken's. They weren't here that long but everybody I know call it that.

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Dubby Waits I vote yes

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David Lee Wright I remember his blond hair.

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Lindsay Tooker Larry is still very much alive!

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Gayle Power Larry "Fleniken" is my twin's husband and moved to Kennedale around 1962 or 1963. He attended Kennedale Schools from 7th-12th grades and graduated in 1969. During those years his mother was married to a man named Sam Rives.

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David Lee Wright Do you know the Powers that got killed at Kennedale Mountain?

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Faye Swindell Leach David My oldest Sister would have married David Powers if he had not have died that awful nite we knew all of them including their mom. Kathy still has keepsakes from their Sr. Prom, you knew David was a Sr. Didn't you?

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Faye Swindell Leach Just so Sad

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Gayle Power Yes, David Power was my husband's (Cecil Power) older (11 months apart) brother. His uncle, Travis Hale was also killed in the same auto accident.

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Faye Swindell Leach Yes he was so sorry for your loss prayers of comfort

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Crissy Windell I don't know what/who that is, but I do like the name. For some reason it seems right.

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David Lee Wright I knew all about the wreck. Me and my brother Mike went down there right after it happened. I grew up on Bowles Ct. Right off Bowman Springs Rd. They had just dropped off Charley Jones. His cousin Billy Glass is the only one that survived. Only because he got thrown out. I believe that it was 1968.

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Faye Swindell Leach Wow

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Sylvia Pizana I vote yes i like the name !!!

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Steve Irwin I vote yes

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Loraine Rivers McCaslin Vote yes

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Diana Waldrop Burns Vote yes that what most everyone knew it as.

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Sherri Jo Sparks-Turner Went to kennedale all my life and never heard of any of these people. Nice history here thanks for sharing

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 16, 2015 at 9:44am



Laurie Middleton Sanders You must be a baby, you weren't born yet probably! LOL

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Sherri Jo Sparks-Turner I like reading everyone's story's

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Monica Branch Findlay I vote yes

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 16, 2015 at 9:48am



Lisa Biondi Greenfield My vote Yes

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 16, 2015 at 11:20am



Janet Walker I would vote yes

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 16, 2015 at 12:57pm



David Lee Wright Sherri Sparks I never heard of you and I went to Kennedale since 1963. You must be real ancient.

Like · Reply · December 16, 2015 at 1:03pm



Sherri Jo Sparks-Turner It was Sherri Turner and i was class of 90 most of my family lived there. My dad and uncles donated the field house equipment back in the 80s

Like · Reply · December 16, 2015 at 2:36pm



David Clover Vote yes for me

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 16, 2015 at 1:05pm

David Lee Wright I learned how to swim there when I was 12

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 16, 2015 at 1:07pm



Eddie Waldrop I vote yes swam and fished with Larry many a day after football

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 16, 2015 at 1:18pm



Eddie Waldrop I vote yes swam and fished many a day with Larry and the guys after football

Like · Reply · 1 · December 16, 2015 at 1:26pm



Bill Massey i always have known it as adams tank so i vote adams island

Like · Reply · 1 · December 25, 2015 at 10:18am

You may think this is Steve Irwin at first glance, but look again! This is Steve's Daddy, Jesse Irwin. He had just caught this 50 pound Carp from Fleniken's Tanks in 2002. He had taken his grand kids fishing and they were horrified of it and ran from it!! Mr. Irwin put it into the back of his pick up and took it down to Mansfield, when a man with a large family bought it from him for \$5.00. The man fed his family for several meals and Mr. Irwin bought gas with the \$5.00. I love this FISH Story, don't y'all? Only this one has a picture for proof!! LOL Do you have any to share?



This first Wednesday in January, Gayle Power and I will be speaking before the Parks Board at the city of Kennedale. We will present a suggestion to name the island at Sonora Park "Fleniken's Island" after Larry Fleniken's and his family who lived on that land where the park is now located back in the 60's & 70's. The land itself holds special memories for boys growing up roaming the woods and hunting there. The two stock tanks hold memories for so many boys and girls alike,

swimming and fishing and just a "secret place" no parents knew about to just go hang out with friends and have fun. If you would like to see this island named "Fleniken's Island", having a sign on the island and one in the park telling the Fleniken's Family history, please comment below telling the members of the Park Board why this would be important to you. We will print this and submit it with our request to name the island. The Kennedale Alumni is a close knit group made up of many decades of KHS Wildcats/Kats who for the most part share the same memories! Let's pull together and get this done!

Frankie Meek Oh we parents knew a lot more than you all thought we did lol

Unlike · Reply · 3 · December 5, 2015 at 4:14pm



Laurie Middleton Sanders Frankie, we just wanted to think you didn't know... lol - Our parents knew all!! They just picked the worst things to get on to us for! LOLike



Carolyn Boyd Sanders Kaylo We always called it Fleniken's tank. I do think Fleniken's island sounds really good

Like · Reply · 1 · December 5, 2015 at 4:20pm



David Lee Wright Fleniken's held special memories for me because of all my friends that I grew up with we would go swimming and fishing there. We would go there almost every day during the summer. It was a good place to go and not run the streets. It is also the place that I learned to swim.

Like · Reply · 2 · December 5, 2015 at 4:43pm



Ray Paulk You know David, all these years I thought it was Finnigans. I didn't know there was an L in the name. Good time had there by all for sure!! I agree it should be named Fleniken's with a plaque, and for good historical reasons.

Like · Reply · December 16, 2015 at 1:15pm



David Lee Wright Yes there is alot of memories there.

Like · Reply · December 16, 2015 at 1:31pm



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David Lee Wright I didn't know that you went there Kaylo

Like · Reply · December 5, 2015 at 4:46pm



Carolyn Boyd Sanders Kaylo Rusty Boyd use to take me fishing there

Like · Reply · 1 · December 5, 2015 at 4:47pm



Debbie Joplin Raines Yes, Marvin's Class in 1969 renamed the Kats to Wildcats, it was his KHS Class that did that. Larry was in the Class a year or two older than Marvin Raines, my Hubby Debbie Joplin Raines. ☐

Like · Reply · December 5, 2015 at 5:50pm



Debbie Joplin Raines Great name for the Island.

Like · Reply · December 5, 2015 at 5:53pm



David Lee Wright Marvin Raines in my book is a special man. He took the time to give me a bracelet and to talk about me and he listened to me.

Like · Reply · 1 · December 5, 2015 at 5:56pm



Colin Parks Yes, I like Fleniken's tank myself. We used to go swimming there almost everyday to swim (and smoke cigarettes).

Like · Reply · 1 · December 5, 2015 at 5:56pm



Mary Jean Strittmatter We called that place Fleniken's 's ponds, meet my husband there, he was fishing with his dad, married 36 yrs now. My brothers went swimming in those ponds also.

Like · Reply · December 5, 2015 at 8:24pm



Judy Richardson Lol... It was a secret for me. I never knew those ponds existed. All I ever did was go to school go home. Go to work go home. But Gerry did though. He said he swam and fished in them. He said he would sneak on the land.

Like · Reply · December 6, 2015 at 9:14am



Eula Butcher Livingston Fleniken's island is perfect!! Fished and swam there alot with my brothers!

Like · Reply · December 6, 2015 at 2:33pm

Like · Reply · December 18, 2015 at 6:22pm



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David Lee Wright I totally agree and so do alot of others.

Like · Reply · 2 · December 15, 2015 at 7:40pm



Ray Paulk I hate to be cynical, but I dare say that there are few left alive that didn't call this place Fleniken's J/S.. grin emoticon

Tamra Scott Broadus, Gayle Stephens Murray, Sylvia Pizana and 12 others like this.

Comments



David Lee Wright I do ! It use to be two ponds. When I was , I believe 12 yrs. old my cousin Carl Ray Bedford taught me and my brother Mike to swim. He threw us both in and we had to swim. I still remember the old farm house. Fleniken's house.

Unlike · Reply · 3 · December 4, 2015 at 8:57pm



Laurie Middleton Sanders Yes David, I heard that some of the more adventurous kids in school skipped and went to go skinny dipping and swinging on the ropes into the water. I never actually saw this, as I was always a good girl. Maybe we better ask **Melinda Middleton** and **Lisa Pistokache Cooper** and **Faye Swindell Leach** about that? LOL

Like · Reply · 2 · December 4, 2015 at 9:07pm



Faye Swindell Leach Laurie I was a good girl I've never even been there and still don't even know where it is. Lol Have you been do you know where it is looks Beautiful where is this located?? Lol

Like · Reply · December 7, 2015 at 10:37am



David Lee Wright Wow Laurie you really know the history. Kennedale Mountain was pretty much the same. Those where the good old days. I hope the good days are yet to come.

Like · Reply · 2 · December 4, 2015 at 9:13pm



Faye Swindell Leach They are David, watch and see

Like · Reply · December 7, 2015 at 10:38am



David Lee Wright Good things are already happening.

Like · Reply · 1 · December 7, 2015 at 11:09am



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Philip Miller Where is this

Like · Reply · December 4, 2015 at 9:13pm



Laurie Middleton Sanders Fleniken's Tank at Sonora Park on New Hope Rd.

Like · Reply · 1 · December 4, 2015 at 9:18pm



David Lee Wright Senora park was Fleniken's on New Hope Rd. Kennedale Mountain Is where the new Park is on Bowman Springs Rd. right before I-20

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 4, 2015 at 9:19pm



Philip Miller Jeez I used to go frog gigging there didn't even recognize it thanks

Like · Reply · December 4, 2015 at 9:20pm



Lisa Pistokache Cooper Went swimming at both places lots did, but never skinny dipped that must have been Lindy and Faye.(lol)

Unlike · Reply · 3 · December 4, 2015 at 9:20pm



Faye Swindell Leach Wrong Lisa I have never been to either one, but would love to see these places, they look Gorgeous. Why is it I have a bad rep. In Kennedale?? The only thing I done was took up for myself finally got tired of being bullied by some people in school, they made me mean not Bad. Lol

Unlike · Reply · 2 · December 7, 2015 at 10:42am



Lisa Pistokache Cooper Yep **Laurie Middleton Sanders** lumped me you in Lindy in there. Laurie the instigator.(Lol)

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Laurie Middleton Sanders and probably Margie and **Loraine Rivers McCaslin**!!! LOL

Like · Reply · December 4, 2015 at 9:23pm



Philip Miller Thanks I used to ride motorcycle over kennedale mountain when it was a dirt road

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 4, 2015 at 9:23pm



David Lee Wright Who is going to fess up?

Unlike · Reply · 1 · December 4, 2015 at 9:25pm



Loraine Rivers McCaslin No skinny dipping but went swimming both places. Lot of us did..... Had a rope swing at Fleniken's. Good times

Unlike · Reply · 3 · December 4, 2015 at 9:29pm



Laurie Middleton Sanders I can think of a few more who may have been in the skinny dip club.... **David Clover**, **Delbert Raines**, **Carol McGrew**, more than likely, **David Lee Wright**.... LOL

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Laurie Middleton Sanders Just think, if we could see if the Parks Board would name this island Fleniken's Island, officially, we could all go swim over to it and have our pictures made to commemorate the event! LOL

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Lisa Pistokache Cooper Swimming over to it, you go ahead I'll take your pic!

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Dubby Waits Been skinny dipping in both.

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Laurie Middleton Sanders **Dubby Waits**, I was just going to add you to the would be skinny dippers, how did we guess it?

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Dubby Waits I know few others too..... But I want tell. Lol

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Sherry Calder Yep we did it, i never took my clothes off, but went in with my clothes on.

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Sherry Calder Me and Jana Shumaker, sharon morgan, nope

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Laurie Middleton Sanders Sherry, don't you wish we would have had camera like we do today, boy, what pictures we would have of all of us back in the day... when we were just a few pounds lighter! LOL

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Sherry Calder Sharon would not go, lol

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Becky Clements I only went up there once, in 1987, three or four friends and i, saw a half dozen old trailers with all kinds of " stuff " in them, we crept up to the pond, and across the way we see a person, then a shot gun, BLAM, rock salt. We ran back to town real fast.

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Sherry Calder Yep, wouldnt been nice, but i still wouldnt have skinny dipped,

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Laurie Middleton Sanders I'm with you Sherry! LOL

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Kathy Luttrell Rahier I went there once wiith Gloria.....I could not swim so Gloria said swing out and back in " DO NOT LET GO OF THE ROPE" so i swang out there got scared let go and in I went. Gloria jumped in and i crawled up on her shoulders and she walked under the water to save me. Oh the memories. lol

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David Lee Wright There are more but I will take it to my grave. Not meeeeee! LoL

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David Lee Wright Wow Kathy! What a sister.

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David Lee Wright You two were some of the proper ladys. For real.

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Kathy Luttrell Rahier I miss Gloria so much

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Ken Barbara Cooper Larry Fleniken's lived across the street from the ponds or "tanks" they did not own the land but we called it Fleniken's tank pond or just Fleniken's. Class of 1969

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Julia Endicott J.J. Endicott I took Tillie here and watched her chase ducks

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David Lee Wright So the Fleniken's didn't live on the old farm house. I know that it is an island now but way back then there was a dam that seperated the two ponds. None of the ladys are going to own up to going skinny dipping. I know. Does anybody remember the Mulberry trees? The bottom of our feet would love dark blue. Most of us liked Kennedale Mountain because of it's seclusion. By the ladys that went skinny dipping we did not consider them bad girls and bad things 8 times out of 10 bad things didn't go on. This was back in the Vietnam era. Let us know Laurie about the nameing I will swim over.

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Carolyn West Beautiful picture!

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Delbert Raines The Rivers were next, they were truck drivers and would let us go fishing there.

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Wayne Winters we used to go there crawdad fishing and frog gigging. I remember one time David Helm caught a big catfish there using a baby bird for bait.

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David Lee Wright That was Fleniken's no matter who lived there. That is what it was always called.



Delbert Raines I never skinny dipped there or anywhere. Too shy for that.

But i have a bass on my wall from there!

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Letitia Little Tish, Tamra Scott Broaddus, Johnie Collier Rogers and 21 others like this.

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Carolyn Reid Dyer Absolutely. What a neat memorable for people to share.

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Carolyn Reid Dyer Class of 1969

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Diana Waldrop Burns That would be awesome.

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David Usrey That's what we called it back in the day. Always a pair of cut off jeans hanging in a tree, just change and swim, when your done hang em up for the next guy. My parents never knew!

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David Clover I spent many a summer days at Larry Fleniken's tank in the sixties. Did a lot of fishing and swimming with my brother Larry Clover, Mike Calhoun, Sam Hatton, Steve Denton and Larry Fleniken's. I think that's great ideal.

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Delbert Raines I agree

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Sherry Calder I agree, thats what i have always called it too. You need anyone to show up? Joe said Fleniken's lived across the street

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Lisa Pistokache Cooper I think it's a great idea for sure!

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Gayle Power Laurie, it is "Larry Fleniken (class of 1969). I got to my vehicle tonight after attending a concert, pull out my telephone and have a message from my daughter that she saw on the Kennedale Alum page that I would be speaking to the Parks Board. I did not know what in the world she was talking about--Ha Ha-she sent me the link. I know we spoke about your idea last night via FB. I would be honored to speak with you to request this honor for him. I called him last night. He was quite shocked and I think felt honored. I asked if he would type up everything he remembered about the property, and his memories of living there and times at the tank. His wife, my twin has been trying to get him to get this all down on paper for some time. He started talking about some memories of renting the property for \$50.00 and walking to Buddies to buy bullets for his 22 gun and then sitting on the bank of the tank and shooting snakes and turtles. My how times were different then. Can you imagine a young teenage boy buying bullets this day and time? He is quite the storyteller with such an eloquent way with words, I can't wait to read his write-up. Did you take the photograph Laurie? It is a fabulous photo, it would make a beautiful painting. I love the reflection of the trees in the water. I will inform Larry of the date the information will be presented. I have always enjoyed hearing his stories about the times at the tank, along with my husband's memories~~but, it really is fun to read everyone else's memories as well. Sounds like the tank was enjoyed from kids from Larry's era, as well as other generations of Kennedale kids.

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Laurie Middleton Sanders Gayle, we will have to get together before our talk and get thing organized. I intend to print off the memories shared on here too. You know the Kennedale Historical Society has speakers once a quarter, do you think next year, Larry would come out and tell some stories? I bet lots would turn out to share in the story telling and sharing memories! Ask him for me??? That would be great!

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Gayle Power I will ask him Laurie, but he lives in Savannah, Georgia~~so not sure.

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Write a reply...



Wanda Billerbeck My brothers Oscar and Billy Glass went fishing and swimming there too, and they were both older than us. Billy, rest his soul, graduated in 1965, and Oscar graduated in 1967. I remember one time my brother Billy caught a nine pound catfish out of that tank, but I think that was when Roy Jay Adams lived there. Now I'm telling my age.

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Vicki Ann Parker Very. Nice and appropriate. Thing to do. Hope they will name it that.

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Laurie Middleton Sanders I want Steve Irwin to get on here and tell y'all the story about his Dad fishing here that he told me and Lisa Pistokache Cooper the other morning as we walked!! It was amazing and sounded like something off a sci-fi movie!! They even have a picture somewhere he said... Wait till y'all here it! Steve, do you wife at the deer lease??? Get on here and share it.

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Peggy Rivers My brother built a boat not sure at what age but i remember the launch in that tank.

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Steve Irwin Yes my dad was down fishing with my grandkids when they were just 3&4 years old their niw 16 and 14 anyway he had a zebco 202 fishing rod and reel and was using hotdogs for bait when he hooked a 50 pound carp said it took about 30 minutes to get it in ...See More

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David Usrey Steve Irwin I lived near village creek when we had heavy rains the creek would flood into the corn fields, we took a bat and a 5 gallon bucket and harvested many carp, my dad sold them at his work for \$5,00 each. Good memories blast from the past.

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Steve Irwin I remember those days

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Information Regarding Kennedale Property Where Sonora Park is Now Located

Information given by:
Patsy Adams, Glenda Adams Pruitt, Wayne Richardson

Mrs. Bill and Mr. Edward Adams leased the 52 acres that is now known as Sonora Park for \$40.00 a month from owner Z. Boaz. There they raised their family and raised hogs and chickens. Mr. Boaz wanted to keep the land a private property, requesting that the Adam's family only have a few friends at a time there to visit and enjoy the land.

Bill was of Cherokee and Dutch heritage, she and husband Edward, had several children, all boys.

George Edwin Adams
James Alvin Adams (born in the farm house)
Dale Ray Adams
Donald Adams
Roy Jay Adams

Donald as a toddler was playing in the yard with his brothers and became hot and thirsty and ran into the house to get a drink. Mrs. Adams, who was always cleaning their small farm, had been cleaning something with a bowl of Red Devil Lye, little Donald saw the bowl and mistook it for a cool drink, and before anyone knew what he was doing, he drank the lye.

Bill was the only adult at the house with the younger kids who were not big enough to help with the farm. She ran to the farm bell and rang it furiously until Edward and the older boys came running back to the house to see what was wrong.

Edward and Bill loaded little Donald into the family vehicle and drove frantically down to Mansfield, to Dr. Thomas' office. There he treated his throat, esophagus and stomach as well as they could in those days.

Little Donald suffered with problems for the rest his young life as a result of this accident. When he was 6 years old, he developed pneumonia and passed away.

The family is gathering more info from the older sons soon to add to this.

The City of Kennedale acquired the land in 1976.

Here is the chain of ownership for the tracts before the City of Kennedale acquired it.

- Conveyed to City of Kennedale by Warranty Deed on April 16, 1976.
- Conveyed to Ernest O. Boaz by Quit Claim Deed on January 1, 1957.
- Conveyed to Wallace P. Boaz on May 1, 1940
- Conveyed to Clement A. Boaz et al on March 20, 1930.

The Boaz family owned the land from at least 1930 until the city bought it in 1976.



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 3, 2016

Agenda Item No: REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - A.

I. Subject:

The Brickworks Festival will be held on April 15th, 16th and 17th 2016

II. Originated by:

Larry Hoover, Streets and Parks Supervisor

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 3, 2016

Agenda Item No: REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - B.

I. Subject:

Kid Fish, Bark in the Park and National Kids in the Park Day are May 21, 2016

II. Originated by:

Larry Hoover, Streets and Parks Supervisor

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 3, 2016

Agenda Item No: REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - C.

I. Subject:

Sonora Park pond was Stocked on January 13, 2016 with 1700 Trout

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



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Agenda Item No: REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - D.

I. Subject:

Bloxom Park

II. Originated by:

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III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



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Agenda Item No: REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - E.

I. Subject:

Senior Living Center

II. Originated by:

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III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



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I. Subject:

The Sidewalk Project

II. Originated by:

Larry Hoover, Streets and Parks Supervisor

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



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Agenda Item No: REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - G.

I. Subject:

The Vineyards

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 3, 2016

Agenda Item No: REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - H.

I. Subject:

Discuss and consider The Park Master Plan

II. Originated by:

Larry Hoover, Streets and Parks Supervisor

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments: