

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** City of Seguin Mayor and Council

**From:** Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

**Through:** Douglas Faseler, City Manager  
Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

**Subject:** Reaffirmation of Bauer Park as the name of the former library site located at 717 E. College Street.

**Date:** February 19, 2019

On June 16, 1910, William Bauer filed a survey/plat (attached) known as the Wm Bauer Subdivision with Guadalupe County. The block bounded by College Avenue, Marys Street, Bauer Street, and Bruns Street was designated on the survey/plat as "Bauer Park". The area was maintained by the City as a public park.

In April of 1962, the descendants of William Bauer granted to the City any rights that they might have in Bauer Park and specifically granted permission to use the park property for a public library. In 1965, the new library facility opened for public use and was closed in 2016 with the construction of the new library located on Nolte Street. In December of 2018, demolition began on the old library and was completed in early February.

With park restoration about to start, it's prudent to reaffirm Bauer Park as the name of the site in going back to what the area was known as from 1910 to 1965. Since 1965 when the library was officially opened to the public, the site has not really been known publicly as Bauer Park, especially to the newer generations of residents.

Park restoration will include sodding the disturbed areas with bermuda grass, adding sidewalks along Bauer and Elm Streets where none exist to create an exercise loop, and adding park benches where needed. The demolition contractor has already brought in top soil and leveled the area where the library foundation was located. The remaining park restoration work will be funded with remaining project funds from the demolition. As mentioned on the City Council tour, staff will be updating the Parks Master Plan soon. As part of the overall master plan update, a specific master plan can be completed for Bauer Park so that everyone has input on future park amenities.

At their meeting on February 4, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the City staff recommendation for City Council consideration reaffirming the name Bauer Park as the name of the former library site located at 717 E. College Street. City staff recommends approval of a resolution reaffirming Bauer Park as the name of the former library site located at 717 E. College Street.