

Dear DWG Citizen:

April 20, 2015

I am sure many of you recently received correspondence from a small group of residents expressing their concerns about Pappy Elkins Lake. Just like this group, your city council and I treasure Pappy Elkins Lake and the surrounding park. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing this treasured city asset. The city has a set of plans to improve the area. In fact, the city council is currently accepting bids to install a new backstop as well as irrigation for the ball field.

As for the lake, we are facing some unexpected challenges: The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) inspected our lake last summer in response to a complaint filed by an individual of the Pappy Elkins group. Much to our surprise TCEQ found that our lake was not permitted and issued a Notice of Violation to DWG. It was a surprise because our lake predates the current water rights rules used by TCEQ. As many of you know our city operates efficiently to minimize unnecessary tax burdens on our citizens and it is unfortunate that a small group's actions are now causing our great city to incur additional expenses for engineering firms and legal representation.

I would like to take a moment to dispel some misinformation put forth in a recent letter from the Pappy Elkins group: Contrary to the letter's assertions, the issues related to the TCEQ actions were *not* the result of any of XTO's activities on the pad site. Our qualified engineers have confirmed the overtopping issues were *not* caused by XTO's pad site development, and these issues exist with or without the pad site's existence. The letter also implies that your city council and XTO would like to eliminate the lake to facilitate future wells. This accusation couldn't be any further from the truth. Your city council treasures our park as much as any of you.

We have retained the very best legal and engineering talent to assist us in resolving these issues. We will continue to work with them to address TCEQ's concerns. As there are more developments we will keep you informed. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to ask any of your city council members or me. We have posted much of this information on our city website @ www.cityofdwg.net enabling our citizens to make informed decisions about the situation. The city will continue to post additional information as it becomes available

On a related note I would like to point out that individuals associated with the Pappy Elkins Group have put a heavy burden on our city, and more importantly on the city's staff, by filing an inordinate number of open records requests and filing complaints with state regulatory agencies. In the last year, these individuals have filed more than 200 open records requests with our staff. Our city is required to respond to these types of actions within a short period of time, thus creating delays in necessary city operations.

I look forward to keeping our city safe while allowing it to grow and maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the metroplex. I ask for your trust in our leadership so that we can continue operating in a conservative manner while preserving our Dalworthington Garden's great heritage.

Mayor Michael Tedder.



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