

LA MARQUE PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2014

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman McGaffey called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Mac McGaffey, Bo Hunter, Larry Walker, C.J. Leggett,
Al Reida & Michael "Rock" Bock

ABSENT: Herbert Franklin

STAFF: Ed Hersh

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting, February 20, 2014

Bo Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes. Al Reida seconded the motion. Minutes were passed unanimously.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Comments from the Public (At this time, any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to Parks Board limited to three (3) minutes). In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act the Parks Board may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours – **None**

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action- approving the Parks Board Monthly Financial Report

Larry Walker made a motion to approve the financial report. C.J. Leggett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action – repairs to equipment in all parks – Staff reported that the department is now in mowing season; repairs will be made on an as-needed basis.
- c. Discussion/possible action – Mahan Baseball Field Agreement with Alejandro Medellin (Hondo) –The chairman has been trying to schedule a meeting with Grady (Crescent Electric) and TXNMP to learn if the electric meters can be separated from one meter for the entire park into individual meters per field. This would create a system whereby the user of the field will directly pay for electricity used and not the City.

The Board also discussed the possibility of entering into a three year agreement with Hondo Baseball with annual reviews at the end of the season. This would allow Hondo Baseball more security in making enhancements to the ball field.

Action on the Agreement was tabled until the next meeting.

- d. Discussion/possible action – Issues of field used by LaLiga and Women's Soccer Leagues

The chairman reported that one of the leagues moved soccer goals and tore up parts of the field. The City had a crew along with the chairman to re-set the goals. The chairman informed both soccer leagues that they are NOT to move the goals.

Discussion about LaLiga using Lagana Park on a daily basis for soccer practice and parking cars on the park grass, having BBQ's and leaving trash on the park grounds creating issues with the neighborhood. Lagana Park's soccer field is not intended for structured league play but rather for recreational use.

Al Reida made a motion to remove the soccer goals at Lagana Park. C.J. Leggett seconded the motion. The motion was amended to move the goals to a new location and to make a sign stating soccer fields were moved to a new location; motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action – Playground Equipment for Highland Bayou & Mahan Parks –
A program was presented by Ed Hersh with charts shown by an equipment company to replace equipment at Highland Bayou and Mahan Parks. The cost of the equipment at Highland Bayou Park was \$43,000.00 and for Mahan Park \$65,000.00. The chairman asked Ed what did the city budget for eight (8) parks to have equipment replaced. Ed replied \$35,000.00. The equipment Ed wanted was \$108,000.00. Al Reida made a motion to table this item. C.J. Leggett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Bo Hunter and Larry Walker stated they would look into the L.M.I.S.D. equipment.

- b. Discussion/possible action – 2014 Bayou Fest –
Bo Hunter and Larry Walker are discussing the future of the “3 on 3” basketball tournament. The event has been successful but an increase in participation is needed.

- c. Discussion/possible action – Sign at Mahan Park
The chairman reported that at City Counsel a question regarding signage was asked. There was a thought that the Hondo Baseball sign overshadowed the City sign and gave the perception that Mahan Park might not be a City of La Marque park. The Board looked at pictures of the signs and thought they looked good and did not see a problem. The Board suggested that the new field use agreement with Hondo include a stipulation that all signs outside of the ball field be approved by the Board.

- d. Discussion/possible action- The placement of sand at Lagana Park –
C.J. Leggett made a motion to request the department to dump a load of sand at Lagana Park. Larry Walker seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

- e. Discussion/possible action – Next meeting date – **April 17, 2014**

Al Reida made a motion to accept April 17, 2014 as date for next meeting. Larry Walker seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Bo Hunter inquired about the fishing tournament. Mac McGaffey stated next month the Board needed to elect officers; Co-Chairman Cowboy Jones passed away.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

C.J. Leggett made a motion to adjourn. Bo Hunter seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.