

LA MARQUE PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2013

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman McGaffey called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Calvin Jones, Mac McGaffey, Bo Hunter, Larry Walker & C.J. Leggett

ABSENT: Herbert Franklin, Al Reida,

STAFF: Nathan Epperson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting, June 20, 2013

C.J. Leggett made a motion to approve the minutes. Bo Hunter 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 of approving Parks Board Monthly Financial Report
Balance as of June 30, 2013 - \$44,781.84

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

- b. Discussion/possible action of repairs to equipment in all parks

Staff reviewed the progress on projects that are on-going in the parks. There is currently three (3) projects that is in different stages of completion; (1) safety surfacing for playground equipment (2) adding culverts to existing driveway at Highland Bayou Park and (3) bulkhead repairs to boat ramp at Mahan Park.

- c. Discussion/possible action – on proposed pipeline route through a section of Highland Bayou Park; possible recommendation to City Council
Mr. Chico Negual of Wood Group Mustang Inc. representing Dow Hydrocarbons and Resources gave the Board members an update on the pipeline route through the southern section of Highland Bayou Park. Mr. Negual indicated that the survey work was completed and reviewed the complete route throughout the park with Board members. Prior to the vote for recommendation to Council, the chairman reminded Mr. Negual about their comment which was made for a donated Nature/Walking Trail for the park by Dow in exchange for the pipeline. Chairman called for vote from members. C.J. Leggett made a motion to approve the pipeline route through the southern section of Highland Bayou Park. Bo Hunter seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Note: Board members decided to hear presentation from both Leagues prior to taking possible action on this item.

- a. Discussion/possible action- agreement for use of Mahan Park football field – (Cougars); possible recommendation to Council – Mr. J.D. Jones representing Cougar football introduced their Board of Directors and passed out packets with league information to Board members. Mr. Jones proceeded to address Board members with his discussion for their use of the football field at Mahan Park. Chairman thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation to the Board. Chairman explained to both parties about the terms that the City requires for use of the fields.
- b. Discussion/possible action – agreement for use of Mahan Park football fields – (Tigers); possible recommendation to City Council – Kirt Green with Tiger football addressed the Board with his discussion. Mr. Green reassured the members that the league had not dissolved and that they had always carried liability insurance and provided the City with up-to-date copies. Mr. Green gave a brief history of Tiger football at Mahan Park and commented that since the League has always maintained the insurance they still should have rights to the field. Chairman thanked Mr. Green for his comments. Members began discussion on topic and decided further discussion and consideration was required.

C.J. Leggett made a motion to table discussion for further review. Larry Walker seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action-meeting date
(August 15, 2013 – 3rd Thursday in July)

Calvin Jones made a motion to schedule the next meeting for August 15, 2013 @ 6:30 pm. Larry Walker seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

8. CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman thanked members for their participation in the Parks Board and also with projects and events sponsored by the Parks Board.

9. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Requests by Park Board Members for items to be placed on future agendas and announcements on city events/community interests
Bo Hunter gave members an update on Wednesday, July 17th Bayou Fest meeting held at the Chamber. Also, Bo reviewed details about the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Larry Walker stated Parks Board doing good things in the community and to continue with the good work. Calvin Jones invited members to the Friday morning Coffee Club and everyone is doing a good job. C.J. Leggett and Nathan Epperson both stated everything was good.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 7:38pm

Larry Walker made a motion to adjourn. C.J. seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Louis McGaffey, Chairperson