

LA MARQUE PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2014

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman McGaffey called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Mac McGaffey, Herbert Franklin, Al Reida & Michael "Rock" Bock

ABSENT: Bo Hunter, Larry Walker & C.J. Leggett,

STAFF: Carol Buttler, Les Rumburg, Cyndi Efird & Chaise Carey

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting, July 17, 2014

Herbert Franklin 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 —

Police Chief Randall Aragon, Sgt. Cravens and Ofc. Kellerman spoke in reference to the opening and closing of the gates at Highland Bayou Park. The Chief stated no one was hired to close the gates; officers cannot stop what they are doing to close the gates at the parks. The Chief suggested getting an alarm system installed at the parks. Sgt. Cravens stated the police department had to prioritize calls; major calls tie up all units for a couple of hours. Ofc. Kellerman stated the department knew the Board had concerns about the time the parks are closed; officers close the gates when they are available. The Board asked for more details on the alarm system.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action – New Equipment for Parks – The Chairman presented a breakdown of costs for new equipment and parts. He stated Cyndi was working on quote request for repairs needed at the parks. Cyndi advised we received the P.O. for the safety chips.

Al Reida made a motion depending on the budget to go out for bids on proposed equipment. Herbert Franklin seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action – Boat Ramp Repairs – Al Reida stated they were still looking for fire hose for the boat ramp. Mr. Reida stated the fire hose would go over 2x4's. Les Rumburg stated he believed he could get it.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action – Agreement between the Tiger Football League and the City of La Marque – Boards members were given a draft copy of the proposed three year agreement.

Herbert Franklin made a motion to recommend the three year proposed contract for the Tiger Football League. Michael Bock seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action – Proposed placement of Highland Bayou Park Trail
Staff presented members with information on the proposed walking trail by Dow Chemical. Dow Chemical would like to receive approval and to complete the trail before Bayou Fest. Discussion followed.

Al Reida made a motion to recommend to city Council to approve the proposed walking trail by Dow Chemical. Herbert Franklin seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action – Next meeting date – **September 18, 2014**
Herbert Franklin made a motion to accept September 18, 2014 as date for next meeting. Michael Bock seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Mr. Franklin stated we are doing a good job; keep it up. Mr. Reida stated everything going good. Michael Bock stated he was good. Cyndi introduced Chaise Cary to the Parks Board. Mac McGaffey stated the Mayor was able to get fireworks for Bayou Fest. He also stated there are 34 more cook-off spaces.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 7:40pm

Herbert Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Michael Bock seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Louis McGaffey, Chairperson