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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

Minutes of the City of La Marque Parks Board Special Meeting Minutes held on **Thursday, February 21, 2019, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Louis McGaffey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Louis McGaffey
Herbert Franklin
Bo Hunter
Al Reida
Tamara Williams
C.J Leggett
Larry Walker

ABSENT:

Michael Bock

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Deck Shaver, Interim- Public Services Director
Amanda Hobby, Project Coordinator
Venisha Henderson, Public Services Administrative Assistant

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Board Member Hunter made a motion to approve the Parks Board Regular Meeting minutes of January 17, 2019. Board Member Leggett seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(4) PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

There was none.

(5) FINANCIAL REPORT

Board Member Reida made a motion to approve the financial report ending January 2019. Board Member Walker seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None.



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(7) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding status of initiated Parks Board Projects
(Back up to be provided at meeting.)

Ms. Hobby reported that she had not been able to speak with Ms. Crockett about the removal of the pine trees at Westlawn Park, but will try to make contact with her the following day and explain to her the process tag each pine tree she is wanting removed and if it is close to a house the City cannot touch because of a liability issue and will have to contract it out. Ms. Hobby added that any company the City would hire would have to be bonded with insurance. Chairperson McGaffey said that he had spoken with Mr. Osteen and he is willing to volunteer to cut down the pine trees for free. Ms. Hobby advised that she get back with Mr. McGaffey on this.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the City of La Marque's Public Services Department to remove the unutilized baseball equipment at Highland Bayou Park.

Ms. Hobby recommended that Public Works remove the baseball equipment at Highland Bayou Park, because the cost to replace was too expensive. Board Member Walker asked what the open space was going to be used for after the removal. Chairperson McGaffey asked that the Parks Board to go out the park and look first. Parks Board requested to be placed on the next City Council Agenda for utilization of the baseball fields. Ms. Hobby will get the dollar amount on how much it will cost for the removal of the fields. Chairperson McGaffey asked if they could get dirt out to save the bulk head by Jessica Cain's memorial when putting in the grass. Ms. Hobby replied that this could be done. Ms. Hobby is waiting on the Gordian Group to get back with her on the bid proposal for the Reinforce of the Pavilion supports at Highland Bayou Park. Two permits for the stabilization of the shoreline will be required; (1) being a wetland permit which is harder to get, and the Army Corps of Engineers will have to come out to determine which is wetlands. Ms. Hobby asked how long this will take to get the permits, the Engineering Company says it would be 6-8 months. Board Member Walker asked about the Walking Trail and what kind of other material will be used when re bidding and Ms. Hobby stated using some kind of asphalt, not concrete. Chairperson McGaffey asked if the City can get 3 quotes for the walking trail. Ms. Hobby says she can post it in the newspaper. Chairperson McGaffey asked if the Parks Board can designate the \$40,000 they have in the Parks budget for the walking trail, so they will not lose it? Ms. Hobby replied, "if it is a Capital Improvement, yes, it is designated, and if it is not a Capital Improvement then No. You will have to spend it before the end of the budget year."



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- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the La Marque Cougars Youth Football League Contract Agreement.

Chairperson McGaffey said the Cougars have been doing a great job maintaining the fields. Chairperson McGaffey asked for the Cougars to be placed on next City Council Agenda for renewal of the Youth's football team contract, their insurance is still valid, but their contract ends July 2019. Board Member Reida made a motion to renew the La Marque Cougars Youth Football Team's contract. Board Member Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding the Garden Club planting a tree at Highland Bayou Park.

Ms. Deanie Barrett introduced Isaiah and Dana to the Parks Board. Mr. Isaiah asked if they could plant a tree in memory of Isaiah's mother at Highland Bayou Park. Mr. Isaiah's mother used to sing with Johnny Lee and she loved music and he know Highland Bayou Park holds the Bayou Fest each year and it will be somewhat of a memorial for her. Chairperson McGaffey said he had no problem with it, but when planting this tree, they would have to get with the Public Works Department to make sure the location follows the City's guidelines. Board Member Williams asked what tree they were wanting to plant, which was unknown at this time. Board Member Walker made a motion to approve Mr. Isaiah's planting of the tree in memory of his mother. Board member Hunter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding the Master Parks Plan/Grants with the Playwell Group.

Sales Consultant, Kerry Walsh with Playwell Group, explained that they can help put together grants from Playwell Group for the City parks. Board Member asked if there were any catalogs available and Mr. Walsh replied that they were the 2018 edition, and that the 2019 catalogs would be available soon. Ms. Hobby and Venisha Henderson will keep in contact with Mr. Walsh on the grants for the parks.

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding the next Parks Board Meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board Members to hold the next Parks Board meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

(10) ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



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