



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
PARKS BOARD
REGULAR AGENDA
of
April 17, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Parks Board of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **April 17, 2025**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas** as well as via **video-conference hosted through Zoom (bczoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Local Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the La Marque Parks Board intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public.

The Board will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. REPORTS
 - 4.I. Parks and Natural Areas 2024 Awards Ceremony - **ITEM TABLED 03.20.2025**
 - 4.II. Public Works Update : Amanda Hobby
5. PRESENTATIONS
 - 5.I. Award: Highland Bayou Park All-Inclusive Playground, National Demonstration Site (NDS) Project of Excellence - **ITEM TABLED 03.20.2025**
 - 5.II. Thank you card from the family of Rosa Lee McGaffey
6. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON

Comments from the public will be heard at this time. Any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to the Board (limited to three (3) minutes). If wishing to speak give the Chair or presiding officer your full legal name and the item you wish to speak about. In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City 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. *Press *6 to mute or unmute if you are participating by telephone, press the unmute button if attending*

via zoom on a smartphone, tablet or computer, or stand if attending in person, and the presiding officer will call on you in turn.

7. MINUTES

7.I. Minutes for March 20, 2025

8. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Board for discussion and possible action:

8.I. Applying for Monarch Butterfly Waystation Certification at Walter Feigle Park

8.II. Participating in the 2025 Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz

9. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.I. The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on or before April 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk

of sympathy

appreciation your kind expression

acknowledges with grateful

Rosalee McGaffey

The family of

Thank you for the
very beautiful
Peace Lily



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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Bock called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mike "Rock" Bock	Chairperson
Mike Wev	Board member
Mary Limones	Board member

ABSENT:

Tonia Griffin	Vice-Chairperson
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CITY OFFICIALS / STAFF:

Joe Compian	Mayor Pro Tem, District B
Amanda Hobby	Public Works Assistant Director
Shirley Trahan	Public Works Administrative Assistant
Roy Robinson	Parks Foreman

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.I. Award: Highland Bayou Park All-Inclusive Playground, National Demonstration Site (NDS) Project of Excellence

Board member Wev made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. REPORTS

4.I. Financial Reports

The Board discussed the Coca-Cola Grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 that were received in collaboration with the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission. Chairperson Bock made a motion to approve the financial report upon clarification of Coca-Cola grant money from Finance Department. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.II. Parks and Natural Areas 2024 Awards Ceremony

Board member Wev made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. MINUTES

5.I. Regular Meeting Minutes - 01.16.2025

Board member Wev made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 16, 2025. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5.II. Regular Meeting Minutes - 11.21.2024

Board member Wev made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 21, 2024. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Alan Honish (Meadow Lane, La Marque, TX) discussed the revamping of Mahan Park and Highland Bayou Park. He shared that he and a former board member have been in talks with the Little League about the possibility of the City taking over Bobby Beach Park due to the league's inability to maintain the facilities and grounds. He requested that this item be taken up by the City Council for consideration. Mr. Honish also stated that there may be a source of grant funds to help with youth-based programs in La Marque with the assistance of the railroad company.

Haley Winkleman (Bowie Street, La Marque, TX) shared that she would like to collaborate with the Parks Board and assist in finding grants to help the community. She stated that she found several grants for shade structures as well as playground equipment. She stated that she has experience in cooperative writing, specifically in policy and procedure writing and would like to help the Parks Board in obtaining local grants for the parks.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I. Reviewing Saltgrass Subdivision's recommendations to update the West Side City Park master plan

The Parks Board considered the recommendations from the Saltgrass Homeowners Association meeting. However, it was determined that the park located within the subdivision is a city park and therefore the Board's recommendation to the City Council was to name it West Side City Park. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

7.II. Appointing a Parks Board liaison for the Coca-Cola grant in partnership with Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission

Board member Wev made a motion to nominate Chairperson Bock to be the liaison for the Coca-Cola grant partnership with Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Finalizing a Calendar of Events for 2025

Board member Wev made a motion to finalize the calendar of events for the Parks Board as provided. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.II. Partnering with the La Marque Library for Movie Night

Board member Wev made a motion to partner with the La Marque Public Library to

host the movie night on March 22, 2025. Board member Limones seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.III. Approving purchase of supplies for Movie Night not to exceed \$150.00
Board member Limones made a motion to approve the purchase of supplies for movie night, not to exceed \$150.00. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.IV. Partnering with La Marque Library for Earth Day Celebrations
Board member Limones made a motion to partner with the La Marque Public Library for Earth Day celebration on April 22, 2025. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.V. Approving purchase of supplies for Earth Day Celebrations
Board member Limones made a motion to approve the purchase of supplies for the Earth Day Celebration, not to exceed \$250.00. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.VI. Applying for the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Innovation in Park Design Award
Board member Limons made a motion to move forward with the design award for Highland Bayou Park. Board member Wev seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.VII. Placing a request before Council to waive fees for the Southwest TX Sports Fishing Tournament
Board member Wev made a motion to recommend that the council waive the fees for the rental of Highland Bayou Park for the event. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.VIII. Ratifying the purchase of a plant for the funeral of Rosa Lee McGaffey
Board member Wev made a motion to ratify the purchase of the plant for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee McGaffey. Board member Limones seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Bock announced that Tamara Smith stepped down as board member and Mayor Pro Tem Compian announced his appointment of Robert Young as her replacement.

Communications Coordinator Agueda Jimenez shared information regarding the Trash Bash on March 29, 2025.

9.I. The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025
NO ACTION TAKEN.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bock adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Shirley Trahan

From: Tonia Rene Griffin <trenegriffin01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:58 AM
To: ParkBock; Joshua Pritchett
Cc: Joe Compian; Shirley Trahan; Alice Ashley
Subject: Fwd: Join Our 2025 Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz

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La Marque Parks Board
409.457.6647

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Rukmini Kalamangalam, NRPA Program Specialist" <customerservice@nrpa.org>
Date: April 1, 2025 at 10:06:10 AM CDT
To: trenegriffin01@gmail.com
Subject: Join Our 2025 Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz
Reply-To: NRPA <customerservice@nrpa.org>

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Youth child participates in activity during Parks for Pollinator BioBlitz event. *Photo courtesy of St. Charles County (Missouri) Parks Department.*

Join Our 2025 Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz

Tonia,

We are excited to announce the **2025 Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz**, happening throughout the month of September! Hosting a BioBlitz is a great way to engage with your community and foster a sense of connection to your agency. We hope you can join us in this year's campaign and promote the important role pollinators play.

Please **visit** our website to submit interest and receive our updated toolkits, which will help you create your project and provide messaging and communication resources.

Submit Interest

If you sign up to host a Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz, your agency will be:

- **Entered into a random drawing to win one of three \$1,000 prizes or one of three Scotts Miracle-Gro prize packs.** Both can help to advance pollinator habitat or education in your community.
- **Invited to join our [BioBlitz Planning Hub call](#) on June 24 at 1 p.m. ET.** Connect with peers to share best practices, resources and tools to help make your campaign a success from start to finish.

We look forward to working with you and seeing what your community finds — and how you use it to advance your goals!

Sincerely,

Rukmini Kalamangalam
NRPA Program Specialist
rkalamangalam@nrpa.org

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Sorry here is some context on our 2023 event. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/parks-for-pollinators-2023-city-of-la-marque-tx-parks-and-recreation>

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