



CITY OF EL LAGO
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2022
411 TALLOWOOD DR
EL LAGO, TEXAS 77586

Notice is hereby given that the Parks Board of the City of El Lago, Texas will meet at the above date and time at the City Hall Event room, 411 Tallowood Dr, El Lago, Texas, and will consider, and if appropriate will take action, with respect to the following agenda items.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Chair Bachner
2. **Absent members.** All members present.
3. **Citizen Forum.** Sheila Brown of 1851 Raintree Circle thanked Chair Bachner for her time and involving our youth to be part of our community. She was excited to see our community get together to make a positive change.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1. *Minutes from the Parks Board meeting 9 March, 2022.* Member Brooks made a motion to approve previous minutes. Member Tully second. Approval was unanimous.
5. **Reports**
 - 5.1. *Girl Scout Troop Leader Christina Hutton presenting on butterfly garden project at McNair Park.* Mrs. Hutton was unavailable thus, Chair Bachner presented the Butterfly garden planning. The Girl Scouts will be donating the soil, some plants, and their time to redo the McNair Memorial Butterfly Garden. Sheila Brown, who is the local Master Gardner will be assisting them. Mrs Brown already secured 20 plant donations and advised for local Wildflowers, a bird bath and a wooden log barrier. City maintenance is suppose to repair the slow drip irrigation system before April, 30th 2022, the planting day. Donations are welcome.
6. **Old business**
 - 6.1. *Summary of previous city council meeting by Chair Bachner.* Chair Bachner reported that city council still seems to be unsure which account is set aside for the parks board to use funding for beautifications. It is unclear if council

approval is necessary for any dollar amount to be spend. City council is expecting the Parks Board to present an improvement suggestion on playground equipment based on the safety inspection. A gentleman made a citizen comment saying that there are 70 piles of dog feces at Armstrong Park.

6.2. McNair, Witty, and Armstrong Park. All trees need to be trimmed. Chair Bachner will meet with an Arborist to discuss the health of some trees in near proximity of the playgrounds at McNair and Witty Park. Drainage issues at Armstrong Park need to be addressed to city council. Fire ants are located throughout McNair Park and some at Armstrong Park. The water fountain at Witty Park is still broken. A big tree limb at Witty Park is tapped off and awaiting removal by city maintenance.

6.3. Review and edit maintenance items to be requested at next council meeting. There are issues with the water maintain by the basketball courts at McNair Park. The drip irrigation system for the butterfly garden needs to be repaired or replaced. Pressure washing off the chair and Armstrong memorial are needed. Witty water fountain is broken. All trees need to be trimmed, pruned or some removed. The flag pole light at Bayou View is still not installed. Fire ants are present at McNair Park. Electrical at Lakeshore Dr has been out since Christmas. Vines need to be removed off the wall behind the court house. Deep cleaning and disinfection of McNair bathrooms will be requested to city council.

7. New business

7.1. Discuss/ Approve new Parks Rules & Regulations and Curfew. Member Wohrer had concerns about some of the items listed as selective enforcement. Council member Parette agreed and asked the Parks Board members to keep in mind that some of the regulations have exemptions for events. Due to no agreements on any line items member Brooks made a motion to postpone item 7.1. to the next meeting April 27th, 2022. Member Wohrer second. The vote was unanimous.

7.2. Discuss/ Approve Parks Board missions statement, responsibilities and new Parks Board Positions and their responsibilities. Members discussed issues with the current draft. Member Brooks made a motion to approve item 7.2. with the discussed changes. Due to a lack of a second the motion failed to pass. Chair Bachner suggested to go over each line item and vote on each once changes have been made. Changes were made to each Parks Board line item, adding a request for a monthly report of completed maintenance items. Member Brooks made a motion to approve the first line item with the made changes. Member Wohrer second. Vote was unanimous. Member Brooks made a motion to approve the second line item of the parks Board duties with the changes made by Chair Bachner. Member Wohrer second. Vote was unanimous. Member Brooks made a motion to approve the third line item of the parks Board duties. Member Wohrer second. Vote was unanimous. Member Brooks made a motion to approve the 4th line item added by Chair Bachner. Member Wohrer second. Vote was unanimous. Member Brooks made a motion to approve the last line item of Parks Board duties with the appropriate changes that were discussed.

Member Wohrer second. Vote was unanimous. Chair Bachner ask for a motion to pass the newly changed Parks Board Mission Statement and duties. Member Brooks provided a motion to pass item 7.2. with all changes made by Chair Bachner to Parks Board duties and Parks Board positions. Member Wohrer second and the vote was unanimous.

7.3. *Discuss vegetation options for flowerbed along Lakeshore Drive by McNair park, McNair memorial and memorial at Armstrong Park and mulch options.* Member Brooks made a motion to postpone item 7.3. to the next Parks Board Meeting April 27th, 2022. Member Brasseaux second. Vote was unanimous.

7.4. *Review park's playground safety report and construct action plan of recommendations to be presented to city council.* Chair Bachner presented a powerpoint of all possible option to eliminate all safety violations noted in the safety report. Member Wohrer voiced concerns about removing playground equipment as it is used by many. Member Brooks spoke in favor of removing and replacing playground equipment. He stated that we should think about what type of community we thrive to become. A nice, diverse and inclusive playground would be attractive to new homeowners or potential new homeowners. Further, member Brooks stated that families will move hours away from their work site to have a family and child friendly active community. It would increase propter values within our city. Member Brasseaux spoke in favor of keeping the figurines of the spring bouncer at Witty Park.

8. Future item requests

Security camera options for parks

Grant options and fundraisers

Park Sign Design Options

Members requested that "Yard of the month" be added and a discussion about articles for the La Ventana

9. Adjournment. There being no further business, Chair Bachner adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.



(Signature)

Tiffany Bachner, Board Chair