

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 7, 2018

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall

Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Call to Order – Ron Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- ❖ Recording of Board – Ron Green, Susan Beavin, John Chaffee, Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham and Mayor Reinhard.

Others in attendance were Brenda Reinhard and Logan Scherschel with the TX Forest Service.

- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - a quorum was declared
- ❖ Secretary's Minutes of November 26, 2017 – minutes were approved as distributed
- ❖ Financial Report - reviewed
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc) – no report

(Guests were allowed to present at the beginning of the meeting, followed by the remaining agenda)

Discuss and take action (if necessary) on the following topics:

(This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act -Texas Government Code 551)

1. Reports

- Biological & Landscape Management – Jen working with the TX Forest Service (see below); Jen now has a moisture meter that will allow water proficiency.
- Cottage Committee – Storms unplugged the water heater
- Trails Committee – no report
- Technical Committee – John Chaffee and Don Darst have revamped the website
- City Police Department – no report
- City Public Works – Chris is no longer with the City Public Works. His assistant, Carlos, is his replacement. Jen will write up the park needs: garbage, mowing of specific sections (ADA trail, helipad, around the cistern and either side of the driveway) and “blow” pavilion

2. Old Business (should be Unfinished Business)

- Discuss and Act On 2018 Fundraiser – Brenda gave an update on the Fundraiser. Much discussion about PayPal and the website. Individual price is \$75. A table of 8 will be \$1,000. Storms will put out the press releases. Jen will collect all auction items.
- Continue discussion and Act On options for Madla Board attendance – it was agreed that Board members should not miss more than 3 meetings in a calendar year. This will be taken to Grey Forest City Council for approval, to be added to the Madla Natural Area Ordinance.

3. New Business

- Discuss and Act On official unveiling of naming Pavilion – an event will be planned for this at the end of April.
- Discuss and Act On Bill Hoover's resignation – Jen made a motion to accept Bill Hoover's resignation. The motion passed.
- Discuss and Act On optional Board members to present to City Council - It was noted that there are three people interested in serving on the Board. Notice should be placed on the marquee for resumes to be submitted.
- Discuss and Act On Edward's Aquifer protection plan – it was determined that in order to acquire the 33 acres, we need the 4 ac between the park and this location. Several members will contact several key people regarding this topic.
- Discuss and Act On business use (photographers, etc.) at park – we are only able to monitor this situation at present.
- Discuss and Act On discussion with Texas Forest Service (TFS)- Logan discussed fire mitigation plans for the park and a needed fire break 75'-100' to remove immature cedar to keep any fire low to the ground. Following more discussion, Jen made a motion to formally request TFS help making a fire mitigation plan for the Madla Natural Area. The motion passed. This does not automatically include any grant money. One of the grants available is for \$30/acre. We would need a contractor. Jen will accompany the TX Forest Service representatives on a 3rd Saturday workday to show them the park and trails.
- Discuss and Act On Madla Park Mission Statement – Madeline and Susan Beavin worked on a mission statement for the park, and Madeline developed the final version – see attachment. Jen made a motion to adopt this statement and include it on all correspondence. The motion passed.

Next Workday will be Jan 20th.

Next Agenda: Moon Watch scheduled for April 19th
Texas Fire Service Report
Fundraiser Progress

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM
Susan Beavin, Secretary Pro-temp

The Board may close the Meeting and hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, which permits closed meetings pursuant to Section 551.071 for the purposes of consulting with its attorney, Section 551.072 – deliberating about real property, Section 551.073 – deliberating about gifts and donations, Section 551.074 – deliberating about personnel matters, Section 551.075 – deliberating contracts and Section 551.076 – deliberating about security devices, to discuss matters as Executive Session matters in this agenda.