



CITY OF EL LAGO
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2022
PARKS BOARD MEETING
98 LAKESHORE DRIVE
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 in the Municipal Court Chambers located at 98 Lakeshore Drive, El Lago, Texas, and will consider, and if appropriate will take action, with respect to the following agenda items.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.** Chair Bachner called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.
- 2. Absent members.** Member Rob Wohrer not present.
- 3. Parks Board Chair election**
 - 3.1.** *Vote/Approve new position of Parks Board Chair accordance with city ordinance Sec. 12-22.* Member Ryan Brooks nominated member Tiffany Bachner for Parks Board Chair. Member Wallace accepted nomination. Member Ryan Brooks made a motion to approve and member Tia Brooks second. Vote to approve nominated member Bachner to Parks chair was unanimous.
 - 3.2.** *Newly voted and approved Chair assumes seat.* Chair Bachner assumed her seat.
- 4. Citizen Forum**

Jeff Tave of 302 Pineview Circle informed members of his previous position on city council and acting parks board liaison. He explained how he communicated between the parks board and city council. Further, he reminded the parks board that they are only an advisory board to city council. In addition, Jeff Tave asked if the fence that used to be around McNair trashcan could be re-installed to hide it.
- 5. Consent Agenda**
 - 5.1.** *Minutes from the Parks Board Meeting of January 26, 2021.* Member Ryan Brooks made a motion to approve previous minutes. Tia Brooks second. Approval was unanimous.

6. Reports

6.1. *Report on activity of previous city council meeting by City Council Liaison Charles Parette.* Council member Parette was not present. Thus, Chair Bachner proceeded to give a brief update on city activity. Mayor Findley and city council approved and moved forward with hiring an independent third playground inspector for McNair and Witty Park. City secretary would be point of contact to schedule appointment and distribute report between city council and the parks board committee.

6.2. *Girl Scout Troop Leader Christina Hutton presenting on butterfly garden project at McNair Park.* Troop leader couldn't make the meeting. Thus, this item was postponed.

7. Old business

7.1. *McNair, Witty, and Armstrong Park.* Mosquito tree is still standing at McNair Park. It is unsure when it will be taken down. McNair bathrooms are still dirty and need to be cleaned and disinfected. Member Shirley Brasseaux stated that the McNair Memorial needs to be cleaned and new plants need to be planted around it. She suggested Lantanas to be placed, as they bloom all summer. Further, she recommended to redo the entire flowerbed alongside Lakeshore Drive in front of McNair Park. It would depend in available funds. Chair Bachner informed that the flag pole light is still not working and that residents stated at the last council meeting that around 60 - 70 piles of dog feces are present throughout Armstrong park. Member Brasseaux stated the memorial needed to be pressure washed and the entire flowerbed needs to be redone. She also asked if there has been any progress on the broken power supply at the front Lakeshore Drive entrance.

8. New business

8.1. *Discuss Open meetings Act Training requirement for all parks board members.* Member Ryan Brooks has already completed his training. Other members are still in need to do so.

8.2. *Discuss/Approve Parks Board responsibilities.* Chair Bachner presented the draft however, not all members had a chance to review it so the item was postponed to the next parks board meeting. Member Ryan Brooks made a motion to postpone and member Ruth Tully second. The vote was unanimous.

8.3. *Review/Approve responsibilities of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Groundkeeper and Treasurer positions.* Member Ryan Brooks made a motion to postpone the item until next meeting and member Shirley Brasseaux second. Vote was unanimous.

8.4. *Discuss future fundraiser and grant opportunities.* Member Ryan Brooks reported he would take a closer look at H-GAC Board to open an account for the parks board. It would allow the parks board to receive donations and manage them independently from city council. Future fundraiser will be held at the El Lago parks. Chair Bachner stated that the American Rescue Plan allows for money to be spend on playground equipment and as the city has been


granted \$200,000 this year 2022 and an additional \$200,000 for year 2023, it would be advisable to request funds to city council. Texas Parks & Wildlife also has grants available to match available funds.

8.5. *Vote/Approve material to be present to city council at next city council meeting by Parks Board Chair.* At this point there will be nothing present at the next council meeting as no items were approved. Member Ryan Brooks recommended to inform city council of the newly elected Chair and put together a 5 year plan to tackle the issues we are expecting from the safety report.

9. Future Items

9.1. *Priority list of repairs based off inspection report.* Member Brasseaux will present a plan to fix up McNair and Armstrong flowerbeds and memorials. A 5 - year plan needs to be generated. Chair Bachner will work on a financial report reflecting available funds in the city Beautification account. An update from the Girl Scout Troop leader is expected at the next meeting. Safety issues need to be addressed at McNair Park. Chair Bachner will contact Mayor Findley and Chief Nunn to discuss options, such as earlier curfew, new park's rules and regulations signs and security cameras.

10. Adjournment There being no further business, Chair Bachner adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM


(Signature) _____ Tiffany Bachner, Board Chair