

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board- Special Work Shop Meeting

Saturday, 3/15, 2014

1101 Roberts Cut-Off Road, River Oaks, Texas

Members Present:

Hub Makarwich, Chairman

J. Lynn Vandiver, Alternate 1

Donna Brooks, Place 5 Secretary

Joe Ashton, Council Liaison

Staff Present:

Steve Sanders

Absent:

David Ballard, Vice- Chair - Excused

Norma Cumberledge, Place 2- Excused

Jimmy Warriner, Place 3- Excused

Charles McComb – Alternate 2 – Excuse not requested

AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order: Chairman Makarwich called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.**
- 2. Member Roll Call: Makarwich, Vandiver, Brooks**
- 3. Consider approval of scheduling for the 2014 LYSA Spring and Fall Baseball and Softball Field Agreement.**
 - a. Steve Sanders with LYSA met with Chairman Makarwich, Vandiver and Brooks.**
 - 1. Steve provided the March, April, May and June schedules for McGee Park.**
 - 2. Steven will provide the Fall schedule to the Parks Department asap. The schedules will be reviewed by the Parks Department for approval. Chairman Makarwich will present the schedules to the City.**
 - 3. Steve asked that the Parks Board members check the fencing at the ball fields at McGee, as they are in need of repair.**
- 4. Special Work Session and field trip for the purpose of planning future improvements to the following park properties:**
 - a. LIONS TRIANGLE**
 - b. COATES PARK**
 - c. McGEE PARK**
 - d. WOOLDRIDGE PARK**
 - e. HERITAGE PARK**

LION'S TRIANGLE: (11:41 am)

- a. Fabian Nethery notified the City employee's - The dead foliage has been removed from Lion's Triangle.**

- b. There is a sprinkler system at Lion's Triangle.
- c. Chairman Makarwich will check with Lake Worth Courthouse to confirm who did their landscaping(?) Pea gravel to choke out the weeds and then placing red or white granite would look good inside the brick wall bed. Perhaps plant Yucca or cactus(?)
- d. James Hatley gave the zero- scaping CD to J. Lynn for review.
- e. The trees at Lion's need to be trimmed.

COATES PARK: (9: 15 am)

- a. There is a circle of 4 Pistachio trees clumped together with two Burr Oak Trees at the end of the park. The trees are only 5 feet apart.
- b. At the East end , remove the pistachios.
- c. Trim the Evergreen Live Oak in the center of Coates Park.
- d. We need mulch, topsoil and weed killer. Treat the entire lot for stickers.
- e. NOTE: The sandy soil is making some of the Oak trees unstable.
- f. Trim the Carolina Buckthornes
- g. There is a sensor on the pole that is not working. This sensor turns off the water sprinklers if it is raining. The wiring is broken.
- h. Toward the West end of Coates Park- there are 3 pistachio trees that need to be removed or transplanted as they are stunting the growth of the Oak Trees
- i. Remove Pistachio tree across from 712 Coates.
- j. Chinese pistachio that has a twisted trunk should be removed.
- k. The large bushy Carolina Buckthorne located across from 704 Coates can be moved over to the center across from 708 Coates.
- l. Trim the tree that is located at the center across from 712-708.
- m. Perhaps install metal curbing around the tree beds to keep the mulch inside the bed.
- n. Trim Oak Tree across from 720.

McGee PARK (10:19 am)

- a. Cigarette butts, bottle tops and trash everywhere.
- b. Chairman Makarwich will ask for Community Service volunteer to clean up McGee PARK. The top bleacher is loose – located at the west end near the play area.
- c. The Park hours are from Sunrise to 10:30 daily. Sign states No alcoholic beverages, no glass containers, no bicycles allowed, no motorized vehicles. Pets prohibited.
- d. Chairman Makarwich – RE: Behind small field, homeplate – Hub said it would be a good idea to move the bleachers down (located behind the small field and move the bleachers next to the other bleachers. This other bleacher is located near the play area.
- e. Sprinklers need to be checked to confirm they are working that are located at the small field.
- f. Areas of the small field's chain link is loose across from the concession stand and then all the way around the fencing. Some of the chain link poles do not have covers.

- g. Near the sign that says No motor vehicles allowed in the park - \$200 fine. The water runs from the left of the small field to between 1st and 2nd base – water stands. Please fill in with red dirt.
- h. Metal on bleachers on the west area of small field near the sign that is for the Fallen Fireman- the metal on the bleachers is split.
- i. The corner of the Large Field at the north side the flood light has turned and is shining into a neighbor's yard.
- j. The Sprinkler system at the north side of the big field needs cleaned out.
- k. There is a large rut/hole in the center of the BIG field.

WOOLDRIDGE PARK: Will be assessed at a later date.

HERITAGE PARK (11:16 am)

- a. The wooden fence at the south side has holes in it. Chairman Makarwich reports that it would be best to remove this fencing and remove the climbing ground cover in this area.
- b. Mulch, topsoil, fertilizer and ant killer needed.
NOTE: JOE ASHTON dropped by at this time.
- c. The Rose bushes at the brick Welcome to RIVER OAKS sign – roses need trimmed.
- d. Brick on the Sign is looking mossy.
- e. The trees look good.
- f. All bushes need trimmed.
- g. Evergreen needs trimmed.

CHAIRMAN MAKARWICH stated that we would plan a special workshop to complete these task. The date for the workshop is to be determined for the near future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Makarwich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 am on Saturday, 3/15. J. Lynn Vandiver seconded the motion.

PASSED  4-3-14