

EL LAGO PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 27, 2016
Time: 7:05 P.M.
Location: Municipal Court Chamber,
98 Lakeshore Dr., El Lago, TX 77586

Board Attendees: Ruth Tully, Shirley Brasseaux, Donna Ward, Maria Ludvig,
DeAnna Scott

City Attendees: Mayor Robert White

Review/Approval: Mar. 30/16 minutes. Motion: S. Brasseaux/2nd R. Tully

Old Business: Mayor White stopped in briefly to inform us that the newly purchased water fountain w/pet bowl was delivered on March 23rd. If all goes according to plan, the Maintenance Department should have it installed by May 13th.

New Business: Shirley noted that the merry-go-round in both McNair and Witty Parks need to be greased annually to keep them running smoothly so as to not cause friction between metal parts. After speaking with some Maintenance Department personnel, it was determined that the Maintenance Dept. was not aware that regular upkeep is needed. Shirley recommended that an annual 'To Do' list be given to the department. She also feels that the location that the department has planned for the installation of the new water fountain is too close to the sidewalk and may impede any vehicular traffic.

DeAnna advised that the winners of the El Lago Proud Spring 2016 Landscape Contest have been chosen. She will send the list of winners to Maria.

Because of unexpected family medical issues, Rob may not be available to remove the signs from the lawns of the previous winners. Maria volunteered to take on that responsibility.

Entrances: Shirley reported that the plantings at Loch Lake are still looking good, but that no color has as yet been purchased for the Lakeshore or Bayou View entrances.

McNair /Witty/Armstrong Parks: Donna reported that she met with Maria a few weeks ago in Witty Park - the reason being to determine a solution for eliminating the unappealing view of the WCID #50 water tanks that are visible from the park proper and Hickory Ridge, the street on which said park is located. The decision was made to plant more shrubbery between and slightly in front of the row of Vitex which is now fully grown. They considered a shrub variety of crape myrtle. Subsequently, on the day of this Parks Board meeting, Donna took a Master Gardener friend to Witty Park in order to elicit suggestions for a solution to the problem. This friend is quite knowledgeable in the area of native Texas shrubbery. Her suggestion was to plant Southern Wax Myrtle which is native to the Texas Gulf Coast, blooms in spring, is evergreen, forms a thicket

attractive to birds, and adapts easily to poor drainage which is evident in that area of the park. It is one of our Mayor's priorities to eliminate as much as possible the view of the water tanks, and Donna had spoken with the Mayor several days earlier regarding the time of planting. In late summer she will shop for the chosen specimens in conjunction with the ideal planting window.

Ruth noted that Witty Park still needs three swings replaced. We are in need of two small swings and one regular size swing.

Maria suggested that it was time to think about trimming and thinning out the canopy of the 'Big Tree' in McNair Park. It was agreed that this should be a priority for this coming fall season.

Adjournment: 8:35 P.M.

Donna J. Ward, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: May 25