

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

Date of Meeting: September 30, 2012  
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting  
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall  
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order 6:14 PM by Jen Nottingham
- ❖ Recording of Board members Present – Storms Duthie, Don Darst, Kyle Cunningham, Jen Nottingham, Susan Beavin, Ron Reinhard
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - yes
- ❖ Secretary's Report - August Meeting Minutes approved as presented. Motion by Don Darst, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Beavin. The secretary will draft Thank You letters to be sent from the Madla Park Board and the City of Grey Forest to Mr. Buck, GFU, and Lonnie Shockley. Drafts to be sent to city and board for approval.
- ❖ Financial Report – Shannan Kinsley, Grey Forest City Secretary/Treasurer - \$46,432.20 revenue on hand. Submission to TPW for reimbursement to follow next week. \$24,423.79 invoiced expenditures, \$2791.36 volunteer time and \$255 equipment.

Sub-Committee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting

- \* Safety/Security – Mitch Thornton is looking into solar information, add to next agenda to compare stand alone electricity (CPS) vs. solar. Jen will invite Mitch to the next board meeting.
- \* Biological Management – Jen reported that the Invaders will be working on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will need to purchase Rodeo. Receipt to be given to city hall for reimbursement.
- \* Historical – Susan Beavin – no report Susan will organize a list of citizens that have shown an interest in volunteering at the park – updates at next meeting. It was suggested that the Board work through the SLPC citizen list to let citizens know of volunteer opportunities.
- \* Fundraising – Dr. Frank Madla – no report
- \* Earth Science – Ron Green – no report on Earth Science – Ron is following up on the Marker for the Jon Allen trail to be provided by HHA.
- \* Project Planning Status Report – Don Darst – The well is operational, there is a 10,000 gallon storage tank, water lines are completed from well to pavilion area. Water is non-potable, signage will indicate. GFU will monitor and test water several months in a row and report to the board. GFU will monitor the well. Ron Reinhard will ask Jeff English to provide cost of materials, trenching and equipment rental for installing the water lines as well as the well repairs to be submitted to TPW as volunteer time and supplies. Jennifer Nottingham will contact Laurie Hawkins regarding times for Trail Dates. It was suggested that we set up a standing date each month to Identify Projects, develop a list of materials needed and recruit volunteers. Projects could include Trail Signs. Frank Madla will be installing posts for trail head signs and cedar on bathroom surround in the next few weeks. Jen requested to be present when posts are set and will contact Frank...  
More under New Business – Discuss and act on additional expenses and improvements.

\* Garden Committee Update – Michael Van Buskirk – no report on butterfly garden. We will need to follow up with Michael to see if he is still interested in this project. Storms Duthie will contact Pat Tiner and Kyle Cunningham will contact Sue Peavy to determine their interest in working on the landscaping committee for the pavilion area. Storms will meet with several Master Gardeners and interested residents of Grey Forest and facilitate a plan for landscaping with Texas Natives around the pavilion area. The volunteers should be invited to the next board meeting. It was suggested that the October meeting start at 4:30 at the Madla Natural Area to review progress and then go back to City Hall for the regularly scheduled 6PM meeting. Linda will check with TPW regarding requirements for planting native plants to see if the plan needs to be approved or just filed with TPW. Add budget for landscaping to next agenda.

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

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1. Old Business:

a. Newsletter and additional printed materials available – Susan Beavin provided the updated newsletter for the 50<sup>th</sup> Grey Forest Birthday Celebration. Susan also updated the forms currently used on the Madla Website for Membership and personalized pavers orders and will forward to Frank for addition to the web.

b. Discuss and take action on any items related to the entrance – Jennifer reported that construction will begin after the Pavers are delivered by Alamo Concrete. Linda Darst to contact Alamo and set up a delivery date. Jennifer will ask James Swisher for a written agreement of concrete work to be done and will obtain a written estimate from Rick Stone for the stone work as drawn.

c. TPW requirements regarding the park being opened during “Bird Season” – Ron Reinhard will contact Texas Parks and Wildlife and report at next board meeting.

2. New Business:

a. Discuss and act on additional expense and improvements to walks etc – Don Darst reported that a railing for the bridge would include 3 to 4” steel bands smooth rolled on the edges, plate welds and the bottom bolted to the concrete. The estimate is \$960 includes installation but not the stripped cedar which may cost \$300. Also presented by Don were: \$2744 for pavers installation and \$2000 for foundation work on the Circle of Friends. Total of these is approximately \$6000. A motion was made by Don Darst to approve \$6000 for those items listed and an additional ceiling amount of \$2000 may be used for other site work as determined by Don Darst and Frank Madla. Seconded by Susan Beavin, all approved.

Jennifer Nottingham moved that \$1000 be approved for the Circle of Friends area planting project. The plans for landscaping will be presented to board and approval or authorization for purchases will go through Don Darst, Frank Madla or Storms Duthie. Kyle Cunningham seconded, all approved. Storms Duthie will contact Matt Galvan to look at the trees in this area to determine their health and if trimming is necessary.

❖ Adjournment at 8:01pm. Motion by Don Darst, second by Susan Beavin