

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

Date of Meeting: October 29, 2017

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 6:01 PM.
- ❖ Recording of Board – Ron Green, Susan Beavin, John Chaffee, and Jennifer Nottingham.
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum – a quorum was present
- ❖ Secretary’s Minutes of 24 September 2017 were approved as amended.
- ❖ Financial Report – Report was reviewed and approved.
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc.) - No report

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

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1. Reports

- Biological Management – Jen had a request from a 2nd scout troop wanting to volunteer. She recommends that they remove the cowbird cage and the Board agreed to look into the details of that. Ron G and Jen will do maintenance projects Nov. 11.
- Cottage – No report.
- Trails – Ron G will place a Park “Property Boundary” sign on Nov. 11. Jen noted that the trails are clean, with little trash to pick up. A chainsaw is needed to cut dead trees/branches along the trails.
- Technical – John fixed a glitch needed to correct the function of Paypal on madlapark.org; the website company will notify him if other glitches arise. Ron G requested corrections to the Board members data on the Grey Forest site. Also it was requested to update the minutes and agendas on that site. Ron G will discuss with Ron R.
- City Police Department – The gate to the cottage was locked with the city lock only. The Fire Dept. lock is normally locked with the City lock. The two locks need to be locked together so the Fire Dept. always has access.
- City Public Works – No report.

2. Unfinished Business

- 2017 Fundraiser: Jen will be in charge of the Silent Auction and will hold a meeting within a couple of weeks. Ron G is working on getting a speaker.
- Johnson Grass: It was discussed that the City’s Public Works would mow consistently around the pavilion to control the J. grass, and Jen will get protective tree guards. Elaine will make some calls to confirm recommended steps for addressing the J. grass next fall.
- Scout Troop 888: they will pick up trash on the trails from time to time, with no particular schedule at this time.
- Star Party follow-up: a great success, with about 50 attendees, including the Scout troop and parents. Jen noted that we need to get lights up in the pavilion for next year. John will request that Danielle Rappaport w/ the SA Astronomical Association set up a regular Friday evening in October for the Star Party. Also discussed was a potential Spring Moon Viewing Party; John will ask Danielle about that. Elaine will follow up with the International Dark Sky Assoc. about the possibility of Madla becoming Dark Sky Compliant.

3. New Business

- Port-a-Potty options: Currently paying United \$164/mo. John got a price from On-Site Pro Can for \$107/mo. incl. wheelchair accessibility. John will call United to discuss the option for them to lower their price. If they can’t, the Board will go with Pro Can.

3. Next Agenda

- Discuss option of asking Grey Forest City Council to add stipulation for Madla Board attendance
- Discuss creation of Friends of the Park group

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Elaine Daniel, Secretary

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.