

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

Date of Meeting: August 26, 2018

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Special 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 6:00 PM
- ❖ Recording of Board – Susan Beavin, Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham, Ron Green, John Chaffee, Chris Porter and Phil Howard
- ❖ A Quorum was present.
- ❖ Secretary's Minutes of July 29, 2018 – Minutes approved as is
- ❖ Financial Report – Reviewed
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc.) – No report

Kelly Dawley was present in the audience.

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

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1. Reports

- Biological & Landscape Management – Chris finished distributing and removing the mulch pile.
- Cottage Committee – Storms unplugged all electrical appliances for safety.
- Trails Committee – Jen, Storms and Elaine painted and placed 90% of the trail markers and Storms trimmed trees along trail. Chris will find out if the trail manager at Friedrich Park could volunteer and advise on Madla trail needs. Jen noted that the hose near the porta-potty keeps being unscrewed and not screwed back in place. She offered to get a “Y” bib to hopefully solve the problem.
- Technical Committee – No report
- City Police Department – An email was sent to Jen confirming that all is fine, with the exception of a broken latch on the screen door at the cottage which was replaced.
- City Public Works – An email was sent to Jen confirming the grass was cut around the pavilion and the field perimeter.
- 2019 Fundraiser – John will confirm if there will be any fees associated with using Ken Dempsey's Gardens venue. He and possibly Storms will discuss with Ken the details of a date and catering options as well.
- Status of Conservancy – No report
- “Raise the Roof” Fall Party – Storms and Donna Gottwald met with the owner of the Grey Moss Inn (GMI). He was enthusiastic and willing to help with fundraising efforts. Available seating in the small house setting is 50. The event would incl. dinner and 5 glasses of wine for attendees. With the discount on food and service from GMI, there is a potential of raising \$3000 for this event. Donna has a resource for inexpensive, elegant invites. Hill Country wineries will be approached for sponsoring the wine for the event (one winery would be featured).

3. New Business

- BOD member application review and selection – One application was received over the past month, with advertisement placed on NextDoor, GF Marquee and word of mouth. Kelly Dawley was the applicant and as stated above was present. Discussion was held about the potential of a conflict of interest because Kelly is an administrative employee at Grey Forest Utility (GFU). It was decided that Kelly would need to recuse herself from any decisions involving the GFU and the Board. With this resolved, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted for Kelly to become a member of the Board. The Board's recommendation will be discussed at the next GFCC meeting.
- Electric gate - Approximately \$500 was spent to repair the cottage septic system; Storms oversaw the work. He also got an estimate for an electrical gate switch on the road to the cottage: \$2000 for solar switch incl. keypad. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to add the switch for a max of \$2000. After a friendly amendment, it was unanimously approved to repair a 2nd gate for an additional \$500 max.
- Discuss social media opportunity with Donna Prado – Discussion was held to consider creating a new Facebook page for Madla. Jen had discussed this option with Donna who may be available to help. This would include the ability to publish E-blasts in a more coordinated manner to a wider audience. There may be a fee associated. Jen will get specifics in writing for the Conservancy who would manage these issues. The Board will review next month.

Next Workday will be September 22. Star Party will be October 4.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 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.