

July 13, 2019 Board Meeting
Park Committee Report

The Park Committee met on June 19. Those present: Judy Everett, Chair; Dan McNabb, Jim Stephens, Kathy Kincheloe and Melissa Mubasher

Judy met with Beverly Villareal, previous Park Committee Chair and is getting good information about what has been done in the past and what are the current and future issues. The Committee would like to continue contact with Beverly as a liaison moving forward.

Discussion about how to get more members on the committee revolved around individual projects. As needed, an outreach effort into the community at large when different projects require more members to participate will be made.

The Committee reviewed the two active proposals for maintenance in the park, from Will Langle and Bruce Schwan, and decided to make up job descriptions for work needed in the park and be prepared to meet with Will and Bruce in November to review and move forward with 2020 contracts at that time. If more work needs to be done, PS Property MGT can help with bids for additional work needed.

Judy reported that the Fisheries project being done by Texas A&M is still in progress and we should hear results by August, 2019. It was suggested that we vote at the next meeting to make this project be an ongoing project.

Judy presented information about the Lost Pines Habitat Conservation Program which would benefit the Association in possibly lowering our property taxes which have increased on the Common area (53 acres) in 2019. This will be added to the Board agenda for a vote next month.

The Committee went over a list of Park Issues that was presented to the Board by Bruce Schwan at the last Board meeting. Several projects were developed from this list:

1. Porta-potty upgrade – Jim Stephens took this on and will contact the company and bring back information about how to improve this equipment
2. Extend the bridge on lower lake spillway – all agreed this would be a good improvement.
3. Various cleanup projects – will be included with the maintenance contracts for next year
4. Improvements to the Preserve area between Old Firetower and Shore Front Rd. – discussion of different ideas for this area are on-going.
5. Butterfly Garden – currently blooming but future upkeep needs to be determined.
6. Signage is necessary for insurance purposes. Two more signs need to be mounted – one at the end of Pony Grass Lane and the other inside the park itself as you walk in from the parking lot, next to the No swimming sign. Jim Stephens agreed to take this project on.

Another issue that was brought to Judy Everett by homeowner J.P. Kessie who lives on Pony Grass Lane was the concern that polluting hydrilla in the lakes. He is suggesting that we contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department about possibly using the triploid grass carp as a way to control the growth of hydrilla. Judy will move forward by first identifying the hydrilla and then investigating ways to control it.

Judy shared with the Committee several pictures of the common property given to her by Beverly which show details of the acreage as well as the Houston Toad habitats and the location of other invasive plants. She agreed to send copies of these pictures to all committee members.

It was agreed that the Park Committee will meet again in August, 2019.