

**Minutes of McGregor Park Board  
August, 22, 2019  
McGregor City Hall**

Those in attendance were: Maria Brummell, Megan Beisker and Bonnie Troester. The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm. Maria handed out the meeting minutes from the previous meeting from May 1, 2019. Everyone read over the minutes and Megan motioned to approve, it was seconded by Bonnie.

Maria gave a report on the progress with fundraising at Turner Park for the splash pad. The past two weeks have been very busy for the Turner Park Committee (TPC) with hosting three fundraisers in such a short time. Here are the earnings that the TPC generated from these last fundraisers:

Annual 5K raised \$1545

Home Tours raised \$745

LulaRoe match raised \$500

The TPC has raised \$34,442.31 thus far for the Splash Pad.

Maria mentioned the Park Board could possibly make a motion at a future Park Board Meeting to donate for the Splash Pad. Everyone present agreed that they would like to donate funds to go toward the Splash Pad but want to wait until everyone is present at another meeting before making the final decision.

As had been discussed at previous meetings, the board voted to recommend to the city that they submit an application during this grant cycle for a UMGC Grant for the splash pad. *The motion was made by Megan Beisker and seconded by Bonnie Troester. The vote was unanimous.*

The board spoke briefly about the progress made at Pocket Park next to the McGregor Public Library. Pocket Park will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> movie in the part on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. They will be showing Mama Mia. Everyone agreed that this "pop-up" park has turned out to be a wonderful addition to the community.

Maria gave an update on the installation of the fountain in Triangle Park. She noted that the fountain is done she is working with electrician Pat Mullarkey and then a plumber will complete the installation. The city workers will then put the fountain in place. The goal is to have this fountain installed and up and running by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October so it can be enjoyed during the craft fair.

Maria is coordinating with Chopper Thorton and Kris Eulburg on getting some trees planted in the early part of September. The plan is to take the two female Kentucky Coffee trees out of the parks and replace them with some different trees due to the toxicity of the berries in the seed pods. Both trees are located near children's' playgrounds. There is one Kentucky Coffee tree located at Turner Park and one located at Artisan Park.

Bonnie and Maria spoke about Riverfront Park. Riverfront Park had 85 days of high water starting the end of March to about mid-June. The river crested 4 times within this time-frame. With all the high water leaving the park it left a huge mess behind.

Thankfully the McGregor Fire Department & Mayor Lyle Troester spent many hours power washing and spraying all the dirt & debris off the park benches, flower pots, shelter, sidewalk and many other park furnishings affected by the high waters. THANK YOU! *Bonnie made a motion to sandblast & repair/paint flower pots and light poles in Riverfront park, Megan seconded the motion.* Maria made a note to revisit the idea of refinishing the shelter with a marine finish in the Spring. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea for a future meeting as this would help protect this shelter better.

Maria discussed the new-business. The achievement Club donated a new drinking fountain to Artisan Park. This fountain is a wonderful upgrade from the old one as it is handicapped accessible and has compartment with a small hose in the base that can be used to water flowers at the park. The Park Board would like to see another drinking fountain placed in Triangle Park and would like this one to be handicapped accessible as well.

Maria brought up the fact that there isn't a written policy regarding memorials for benches, trees, picnic tables, flower urns and other park "furniture" as well as signage on the aforementioned. The board also spoke on how long an item would be considered a memorial and what happens if they are destroyed or need to be replaced. Maria and Megan will get together and work on writing some type of policy so that it is handy for people looking to donate something as a memorial for a loved one.

Maria spoke briefly on a fall work day for the board in October. Everyone is busy, but we might try to get together in early October and see if we could work on something in Canon/Peace Park.

Maria brought up the problem that the fountain in Triangle Park seems to always have is not enough head pressure. She spoke with a plumber about the issue the fountain is having, and he suggested purchasing a larger pump for the fountain. *Bonnie made a motion to purchase said pump, Megan seconded the motion.* There was no new business, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Megan S. Beaker 8/24/19