

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009, the Beautification/Parks & Recreation Committee of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting at the Visitor's Center of said city at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present:

Janice Hawley  
Margaret McMahan  
Eddie Virgil  
Rosemary Bravo  
JoAnn Fields

Visitors Present

Charlie Hawkins Jr.

Staff support

Larry Fansher  
Margie Allen

Call Meeting to Order:

Eddie Virgil called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from last meeting were read. Margaret made note of a correction and minutes were approved with a correction by a motion by Eddie Virgil and a second by Margaret McMahan.

Recognize Visitors:

Visitors were recognized; Charlie Hawkins Jr.

Naming of Stephen F Austin Ball Field #1

The board reviewed and discussed information about Mr. Johnny Lawhon which was provided by Mr. Hawkins. The information was discussed and Mr. Hawkins was asked to provide information about Mr. Billy Mills, as he is also instrumental in supporting and promoting Girls Softball sports and should be considered in the naming of one of the two ball fields at Steven F. Austin Park. The Parks Board will continue to review the information provided and consider recommending to city council that both SFA ball fields be named after these two very active participants and supporters for many years of the Freeport girls softball program.

New Lease of Antonelli's Rootbeer Stand

It was discussed by the board, that there might be two parties interested in the use of Antonelli's Root Beer stand. The board was notified of the parks departments efforts being done to advertise the availability of Antonelli's for rental; notices at the Visitors Information Center, City Hall, and an advertisement in The Facts Newspaper. The board will begin considering and making a recommendation to city council who might be best suited to rent Antonelli's.

Yard of the Month:

It was discussed by the board, nominations for Yard of the Month. The residences of 1422 W 8<sup>th</sup> St. and 1711 Ave. M were nominated. Eddie Virgil made the motion to approve, Janice Hawley seconded. The board was all in favor.

Director's Report:

The Parks Director's Report included discussion of the Freeport Youth Basketball League Program. The regular season being six weeks long and ending with a tournament and banquet to follow. The facility that was used, Freeport Intermediate School, was very accommodating. We had a great program and a good note was made about the association of officials that was used to manage the games. We are looking forward to our spring events of Riverfest and the Easter Egg Hunt. We are working on putting together our summer programs.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Eddie Virgil to adjourn and seconded by Margaret McMahan at 6:00pm.