

**CITY OF FREEPORT
BEAUTIFICATION/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 27, 2008

Visitors Information Center

5:30pm

Members Present

Janice Hawley

Joann Fields

Dan Tarver

Eddie Virgil

Margaret McMahan

Visitors Present

Milan Miller

Larry Fansher

Pamela Winkworth

Dan Tarver called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Minutes from last meeting were read. A motion was made to amend the minutes to include Debra and Alex Molina's name as tenant's that withdrew interest in Antonelli's.

Guests were recognized. Judge Milan Miller was in attendance representing the Lion's Club.

Judge Miller presented his proposal to the committee to add a ticket booth to the existing kitchen in FMP. Plans for the addition were discussed. Margaret McMahan made a motion to accept the proposal, Eddie Virgil seconded the motion, all were in favor. Richard Turner will present the proposal to City Council and Dan Tarver will help with the presentation.

Yard of the Month certificates were presented to the committee for approval. Dan Tarver signed the certificates and Pam Winkworth will mail out letters to selected residents. The committee members will be searching for new residents to recommend for future Yard of the Month awards.

Parks Director's Report included discussion about improving and enlarging park signage. Signs are now being printed for Parks and Bryan Beach. Dan brought up the beer bottle problem and rowdy patrons on Bryan Beach over the holiday weekend. He wants more police patrol and possibly a dumpster at the entrance on Holidays. Dan suggested recruiting help from County Sheriffs to patrol the beach and agreed to discuss this personally with Chief Pynes. Dan inquired about Vendors on the beach and asked about the status of the City checking their permits. Mr. Fansher assured him that he had personally done so this past weekend. Rec Center Summer Programs were also discussed with the committee. Margaret McMahan complimented about how nice the park was for the TACF event and stated that she overhead

numerous comments about the success of the event. Larry informed the committee that the landscaping project has been put on hold while they work out the maintenance issues with TX DOT. Larry told the committee that the Port has proposed to pay for landscaping on Navigation but wants the City to be responsible for maintaining it. He brought up the fact that Council would have the final say about whether staffing would be made available to maintain the landscaping. It was decided that at the next meeting the committee would brainstorm about a new Rec Center and beach area next to the levee. It was also discussed about inviting city manager Mr. Beverly to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.