

PSNA Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2009

Submitted by Sharon Bramblett

Location: John William's home. Board members present: John Williams, Jeff Bradham, Germaine Swenson, Wes Todd, Sage Chandrasoma, Sharon Bramblett. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Williams. February 2009 minutes were approved. Todd gave a verbal treasurer's report. He will send out corrections to printed copies.

Vice-President Report by Swenson:- Why are there lines of roll-off trash bins just north of the school site on Blake-Manor Rd.? - We discussed the closing of Ecology Action's recycle station at Travis Co Sheriff location and how we could either get it reopened or alternatives. EA wants \$2,000 to maintain it and the one in Williamson Co. Charles Williams recommended writing a letter to the County asking that it be put in their upcoming budget. Swenson will find out the schedule for submitting a request to the county budget.

President Report by Williams - Bramblett submitted a draft of a map for the trail system at East Metro Park- Williams will submit the form making PSNA an "interested party" that will keep PSNA updated on developments at the concrete plant on Littig Rd. Chandrosoma will check on the status of any permits that have been submitted to TCEQ concerning this plant.- We discussed the plat vacation on Parsons Rd. Robin Martin went to the meeting. Biscoe told her to talk to Transportation and Natural Resources. We are worried about heavy trucks on the old bridges and increased traffic.

Discussion and Action - PSNA will host a special meeting on Monday, March 16th at Crowe's Nest Farm with Ed Clark of the City of Austin discussing the large solar array that will be built by Gemini on Blake-Manor Rd east of the intersection with Brown Cemetery Rd. PSNA members and the public will be invited via the Google group, individual e-mails, phone calls, and an article in the Manor Messenger. If PSNA can be kept informed on the issue of the solar array, then we are more likely to be kept aware of plans for the remainder of the Austin Energy property. We have a list of six questions* that Williams will send Clark in advance so the latter will be prepared to address.

1. Does it raise the ambient temperature of the surrounding area?
2. What type of ground cover will be used under and around the panels?
3. What is the expected impact on wildlife in the area?
4. Will there be landscaping and/or fencing around the facility?
5. Please provide a map of the new ROW for Blake-Manor Road.
6. Are you aware of the existence of the Black Meeks family cemetery near the intersection of Blake-Manor Road and the North/South transmission line?

Williams will also contact the county TNR about re-routing Blake-Manor Rd. Bradham will send notices to members with e-mail. Bramblett will phone members without e-mail.

New Business- Williams will appoint a Nominating Committee- Bradham will talk to David Beck and Sarah about taking over the PSNA web site.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.