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Galveston Park Board Update: February 26, 2019

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Approves East End Lagoon Business Plan

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved a business plan for the East End Lagoon. The five-year plan outlines revenue generating activities, improvements and amenities for the 684-acre preserve. Among the planned amenities are an offshore fishing structure, an RV camping area, improved walking trails and the construction of an open-air education center. For more information about the East End Lagoon, visit www.galvestonparkboard.org/eel.

Park Board Votes to Cancel Sunday Fireworks

On Tuesday, the Park Board voted to cancel fireworks displays on Sundays during the summer season citing noise and environmental concerns. The board instructed staff to work with the fireworks vendor to offer longer fireworks displays on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. The fireworks displays take place at 37th and Seawall Boulevard.

Park Board Approves Upgrades to Parks

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved several upgrades and improvements to some of its parks. The board approved a \$16,982.10 contract with Galveston-based Immaculate Painting to paint the main office and ticket booth at Seawolf Park. The board also approved a \$14,220 contract with Galveston-based Competitive Electric for 27 light fixtures at the Seawolf Park pier to enhance visitor safety. The board approved spending \$14,984 for two portable ticket booths at Stewart Beach park. The booths will come from Georgia-based Global Industrial and are to be in place in March. The new booths will protect point of sale equipment, can be moved in the cases of severe weather and is expected to shorten the wait time for entrance to the park.

Announcement

- On Tuesday, the Park Board approved the purchase of a 12-passenger Sprinter van from Georgia-based RBM of Alpharetta. The \$63,343 van will be used to accommodate the Galveston Island Beach Patrol's Junior Guard program and to supplement patrols at the San Luis Pass.

About the Park Board of Trustees

The Park Board of Trustees oversees beach maintenance and tourism development on Galveston Island, including operations for beach cleaning, the Galveston Island Beach Patrol and the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information on the Park Board of Trustees, please visit www.galvestonparkboard.org.