

AGENDA ITEM # 15SEPTEMBER 14, 1999Hold public hearing for Resubdivision of Lots 13 and 14, Valley View Subdivision.

Judge Doerfler announced public hearing open at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, for resubdivision of Lots 13 and 14, Valley View.

County Engineer Joe England advised this property is located outside the extra territorial jurisdiction of the City of Leander. The Valley View Architectural Control Committee has approved the resubdivision of these two (2) lots and all Williamson County regulations have been met advised Mr. England.

Judge Doerfler announced public hearing closed at 10:40 on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, for resubdivision of Lots 13 and 14, Valley View.

AGENDA ITEM # 16SEPTEMBER 14, 1999Discuss and take any appropriate action on Hog Farm park land.

Commissioner Boatright stated this is a simple solution to a problem which seems to have been blown completely out of proportion. He felt Williamson County would need to provide supervision during public accessibility. He suggested charging a refundable fee for large groups and complimented the YMCA for excellent management without daily vandalism.

Security would require at least 2 people during the week with more on week-ends. He discussed the possibility of YMCA closing and locking the park at night. "We are getting into the parks business for the first time which will be an educational experience for the proposed park land property on County Road 175."

The commissioner continued with the criticism received for the youth groups use of the park. "We spend approximately \$3 million per year on juveniles in trouble - what do we do for the kids that are doing things right?" He has no problem with the continuation of this youth oriented park and suggested an item on the September 21, 1999, agenda for discussion and allocation of funds for licensed peace officers to provide hog farm accessibility, safety and vandalism free. He suggested fencing the remainder of the circumference of the park for access control of adjoining State of Texas property.

Judge Doerfler opened the meeting for public discussion.

Darrell Champeau, Paulette Teel, Eldon McGill, Wade Todd and Dan Sulzer addressed the court.

Commissioner Heiligenstein discussed his feeling of confusion over the controversy since the property has never been a public park. Outsiders were trespassing when MHMR controlled the property. Williamson County tried to make the park totally public and the only way that could work was to discontinue all improvements. He felt the parents and children served by the YMCA in the Highway 183/City of Cedar Park area in the past two years could more than fill the court room applauding the after school and summer youth

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programs which were not previously available in that area until this park was opened for that purpose. He felt the controlled use has been incredible and agreed more access to the general public should occur.

It would be necessary for the City of Cedar Park to fund major youth after school and summer programs should this park eventually close completely. He would entertain additional security but was not sure why any more security would be needed than that of Old Settlers Park. He also discussed the possibility of contracting outside security instead of using staff security. Again he iterated it has never been a public park and is now being used for the area youth which is the biggest crying need in the Highway 183 area.

Judge Doerfler expressed his appreciation to all those in the audience who participated in this agenda item.