

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Resolution of the City Council of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for the City to take ownership of an approximate 2.68 acre detention pond in the Northern Trails and the Rob Roy Subdivisions.

Date: October 18, 2016

Council Member Ernest Leal had asked City staff to look into the possibility of taking ownership of the approximate 2.68 acre detention pond area that is located in between the Northern Trails and Rob Roy Subdivisions just south of the Continental plant for use as park property. Both subdivisions are owned by Seguin Affordable Housing out of Austin, Texas.

There has been a dispute over the years as the developer insists that the detention pond is City property to maintain, but on the official plat it is clearly noted as the developer's property to maintain. Due to neighborhood complaints of high weeds in the detention pond area over the years, the City has filed four liens on the property as the City contractor has mowed it four times dating back to 2013 (\$279, \$390, \$455, and \$490). In 2016, the City's contractor mowed the property again at a cost of \$245.

Staff reached out to the developer of the subdivision Todd Routh inquiring of any interest in donating the property to the City to be used as parkland. Mr. Routh was verbally receptive to donating the land to the City. In addition, Mr. Routh indicated that he would pay for any outstanding liens on the property including the recent City bill for mowing this property.

Recently, Council Member Leal canvassed all of the homes in the Northern Trails and Rob Roy Subdivisions that directly back up to the detention pond. Council Member Leal has indicated that he has received approximately 20 signatures from property owners in support of the City taking ownership of the detention property and maintaining it as a park. Four property owners verbally expressed their support as well, but they wanted to remain anonymous.

Once this property officially becomes City owned, the Parks and Recreation Department will mow regularly. In addition, the City will purchase, as funding allows, one or two pairs of soccer goals that would be installed for use as practice soccer fields on the property.

Staff recommends approval of a Resolution of the City Council of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for the City to take ownership of an approximate 2.68 acre detention pond in the Northern Trails and the Rob Roy Subdivisions.