

Recreation Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, May 10, 2016  
6:30 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Myron Matherne, Chairman; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Martin Triche.  
Committee members recorded as absent were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Booster Breaux.  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Chris Carter.
2. Chairman Myron Matherne led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Chairman Myron Matherne recognized committee member Martin Triche, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to address the usage of the landing. He stated that there was never an official ordinance adopted by the parish regarding the rules and regulations of the landing other than general/common rules (no blocking, no littering, etc.). He then stated that complaints such as unattended trailers, contractors storing materials, double parking, etc. are being heard more now than ever. Therefore, he suggested a public hearing so that residents can address the situation and submit suggestions relative to rules and regulations that may be helpful to the landing usage. He then opened the public meeting to receive any comments, suggestions, or anything helpful to include in an ordinance for adoption and enforcement by the Sheriff's Office.
4. Mr. Ben Talbot, Hwy 401, Napoleonville, stated that when furnishing groceries/materials, etc. to your camp, the rule should be to unload and deliver but not to occupy the space for more than a day. In response, committee member Martin Triche stated that in was in agreement with that suggestion. He stated that people are asking how long should someone be given to occupy the landing if they are remodeling their camp, etc. He then stated that he would suggest Monday-Thursday until 3 p.m. He then requested suggestions relative to barges being tied or docked at the landing for weeks at a time.
5. Mr. Jerry Rivere, Leisure Dr., Napoleonville, LA, stated that he has a camp on the lake and doesn't think it's right to leave material at the landing for an extended period of time. He stated that they bring material in at the end of the day, load it to a barge and the next morning they load the remaining and transport to the camp. He stated that the Parish should not ban the usage of the landing but prevent the abuse of it. He also stated that certain rules and regulations should be geared to the peak period of the usage of the lake and the off season. A discussion was then held regarding an individual requesting a permit to remain longer than a day during the off season for commercial material. They also discussed what would be the time limit to remain parked on the landing. They also suggested that a permit be issued if the landing will be used more than a day.
6. Mr. Dan Boudreaux also suggested 48 hrs. maximum time for commercial deliveries between Monday-Thursday and call for a variance if additional hours/days are needed. After further discussion, the committee agreed that this would be included in the rules and regulations.
7. Because of the lack of parking space at the landing, it was also suggested 6-8 parking spaces be reserved for vehicles only.
8. Mr. Jim Simmons also stated that there isn't enough parking space at the lake therefore, the more rules and regulations that are put in place, the more difficult it will become.
9. A discussion was held regarding designating parking spaces for cars as opposed to trucks and trailers. Also, discussed was those that park and fish from the landing as well as those that park and go to the bar.
10. A brief discussion was then held regarding unattended trailers and how should they be handled. Ms. Richard, a resident that lives at the lake, spoke about their vehicle being there. The opinion of those in attendance was to ticket the unattended trailer or haul it away.

11. A brief discussion was then held regarding the handicap parking space and its location. Mr. Todd and Monique Daigle suggested that it be made wider and place a sign stating do not block sidewalk. It was agreed that the Parish Manager would go and move the sign.
12. In response to a question regarding potential expansion, committee member Martin Triche stated that there are no future plans to expand the landing.
13. Mr. Jim Simmons also suggested that the Jury hire someone to police the landing on the weekend because if someone is found in violation, it will take hours before something is done and the problem is rectified. A brief discussion was held regarding the public policing the area and calling for enforcement. They also discussed the illegal parking on the landing at all times and the feasibility of a turnaround area.
14. Mr. Warren Gonzales stated that part of the problem is that when the boat launch was designed, it was not for party barges, large trucks, etc. He also stated that the unattended trailers are another problem, the handicap ramp is not being used and if it was, it is not made for different heights boats, etc.
15. Following the discussion and suggestion period, the committee summarized the following concerns of the residents; commercial traffic on the weekends and the lay down yard must cease, unattended trailers, handicap area needs more space and no parking on sidewalk signs (Parish Manager will handle) and someone on premises to monitor and prohibit parking or direct the traffic.
16. A brief discussion was then held regarding the caliber of person that will enforce the parking. In response to who is using the sides of the highway for parking, the residents stated that everyone is placing no parking signs or orange cones along the highway to prohibit parking. Committee member Patrick Johnson suggested that the Jury consider addressing rules for parking along the highway as well.
17. A discussion was then held regarding the signs and cones along State Highway and the lease property that's prohibiting people from parking. In response, the committee will allow the Secretary-Treasurer to get the right of way map and address this matter with Sheriff Falcon. He further stated that if someone calls for towing, the Sheriff needs to know that they have the authority to have it towed. The residents also mentioned that the camps with nothing on their property are the areas with the no parking signs and cones.
18. Mr. Ben Talbot stated that the area on the southeast corner of the landing is very dangerous and further explained the present condition. In response, the Parish Manger will handle marking this area with reflectors.
19. It was stated that the residents of Assumption Parish value the landing and the lake but the pilings are deteriorating very badly therefore, the Parish should consider capping them with sheet metal and they would last another 15 yrs. The committee will authorize the Parish Manager to handle this matter.
20. Committee member Martin Triche also suggested that the Parish Manager reset/paint all of the bumpers so that the people would know the exact parking space and area. In response to whether the handicap area is needed, Mr. Todd Daigle stated that it's never been used and it can make available 6-8 more parking spaces. Following a brief discussion regarding the handicap area, the committee agreed that it met the need but it's not practical and the Jury will consider removing it.
21. Mr. Warren Gonzales requested information on the dredging of the canal to add on to the boat landing. In response, committee member Martin Triche stated that the Parish is planning that project but it will not transpire for another 18-24 months. Mr. Triche recognized the contractor, who proceeded to give an update on the phases of the project and the projected time line. He added that there project plan does not include working on the weekend.
22. In response, committee member Martin Triche stated that he will suggest that the Police Jury will get with the ADA and request that he draft an ordinance regarding the commercial traffic, barges, unattended trailers, specified parking, etc.

23. A brief discussion was held regarding charging a fee for launching and parking and what's a feasible amount. They discussed whether the rules will apply to the poker runs, fishing rodeos, etc. Following the discussion, committee member Martin Triche pointed out areas that will be managed by the Police Jury. He added that he will suggest that the Parish hire a person temporary to monitor the parking at the launch and see how it works for the weekend from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
24. The committee agreed that the Parish Manager will be authorized to correct the areas (signs, layout of bumpers, handicap area etc.) discussed, meet with the Sheriff, and propose it to the ADA so that an ordinance can be drafted and adopted. They also stated that a fee will be considered at a later date.
25. Chairman Myron Matherne thanked everyone for coming and addressing their concerns.
26. Committee member Martin Triche offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, 'THAT, there being no further business to come before the Recreation Committee, the meeting be adjourned.' The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Myron Matherne, Chairman  
Recreation Committee