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Township Board meets, honors several individuals and discusses redistricting

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 25, 2022) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a Regular Meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022, at the office of The Woodlands Township, 2801 Technology Forest Blvd., The Woodlands, Texas 77381.

The Board discussed redistricting in Harris County and rezoning schools within the Tomball Independent School District and related safety concerns.

Following public comment, President and General Manager Monique Sharp recognized Joseph Francis, Program Coordinator for the Township’s Texas TreeVentures adventure course, who recently completed the requirements for a Certified Course Manager through the Association of Challenge Course Technology (ACCT).

To become a Course Manager, a professional is required to first pass Level 1 and 2, which included over 64 hours of training and 200 hours of experience. The Course Manager Certification requires an additional 74 training hours and 500 hours of experience. Testing includes oral exams and documentation which demonstrates a practical application of ANSI/ACCT Standards. Texas TreeVentures has been open since April 2019 and Joseph has served as the coordinator of the course since the first day.

“Due in part to his and the entire Texas TreeVentures team, 14,511 residents and visitors have had a positive and safe experience on the course in 2021. I’d like to recognize Joseph Francis,” Ms. Sharp said.

Following the employee recognition, Chairman Gordy Bunch read a proclamation honoring the memory of Coulson Tough, one of George Mitchell’s original Dream Team members, Hometown Hero and namesake of Coulson Tough Elementary. In the Proclamation, Chairman Bunch said, “Mr. Coulson Tough was considered by many to be the architect of The Woodlands, as he possessed skills that helped Mr. George P. Mitchell to take the vision of The Woodlands and make it a reality, thereby making our community a special place for residents, businesses and visitors to live, worship, work, learn and play. Mr. Tough was a friend to many and became



a treasure to The Woodlands for all of us who live here.” Former Township Chairman and son of Coulson Tough, Mr. Bruce Tough, was in attendance to accept the proclamation. [Please see full proclamation here.](#)

Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs then read a proclamation honoring Harris County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle for his service to The Woodlands in the Village of Creekside Park. During his tenure representing the Village of Creekside Park, Commissioner Cagle worked closely with The Woodlands Township on projects of mutual importance, including the Spring Creek Greenway, road maintenance and improvements along Gosling Road and Kuykendahl Road, including new bridges, Memorial Hermann Ironman Texas and many other projects.

Director Dr. Ann K. Snyder read a proclamation honoring Jacob Jones of The Woodlands High School for winning the 1-meter diving state championship.

Director John Anthony Brown read the proclamation recognizing Earth Month and The Woodlands Earth Day GreenUp.

The first item of business on the regular agenda was to approve the renewal of the Ice Rink Production Services Agreement (C-2016-0100A) with Spectrum Catering. This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda. The renewal option continues the production services agreement through the 2022-2023 ice rink season. Later this year, the Township will solicit proposals for ice rink production services for the 2023-2024 season and beyond.

The Board then received a briefing regarding the impact of Harris County redistricting that was adopted by Harris County Commissioners Court following review of 2020 Decennial Census data. Harris County, Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey provided a briefing on the transition of services impacting the Village of Creekside Park. The Board welcomed new County Commissioner Tom Ramsey. [View Commissioner Ramsey’s presentation.](#)

The most significant shift in redistricting was between Harris County Precincts 3 and 4, which were essentially swapped, making the boundaries of the former Harris County Precinct 4 into a new Precinct 3, with additional boundary changes. The former boundaries of Precinct 3 became, generally, the boundaries of the new Precinct 4, with some other modifications as well.

The shift in precinct boundaries impacts the Township as it relates to the Village of Creekside Park. The Village of Creekside Park is now represented and serviced by the Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner.

Additional information and records of the Harris County commissioner precinct redistricting process can be found at <https://cao.harriscountytexas.gov/Commissioner-Precinct-Redistricting> .



The Board of Directors also received a briefing and held lengthy discussion on the Tomball Independent School District Administrative Rezoning Plan for elementary schools serving The Woodlands Township, including safety concerns. Following the briefing and discussion, the Board requested future agenda items for adoption of a resolution in support of the school district's Plan B for The Woodlands rezone and to create a committee with representatives of the Township, Harris County and Tomball Independent School District to work together to resolve the safety concerns. [View presentation given by Dr. Steve Gutierrez presented on behalf of Tomball ISD.](#)

The Board did not hold an Executive Session.

Earlier in the meeting, on the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- Received administrative reports from Township departments, including Community Services, Law Enforcement and Community Policing, Transportation (Park and Ride and Trolley System) and The Woodlands Fire Department.
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Shenandoah for Fire Protection Services.
- Approved the first renewal of the Electrical Services Agreement with Miam Electric to provide repairs, renovations, and installations consistent with the National Electrical Code, as adopted by the State of Texas, on an on-call and as-needed basis.
- Accepted proposals for playground equipment at Larkwood Park, Loggers Hollow Park, Old Sterling Park, and Cochran's Bend Park.

Members of the public also addressed the Board at the beginning of the meeting. The Woodlands Township Board Meetings may be attended in person, watched live online or viewed later via recording at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/meetingvideos. The agenda and attachments may be viewed at <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/991/Agendas-Minutes-and-More>.



The Woodlands Township Board of Directors recognized Joseph Francis, pictured center, Course Manager for Texas TreeVentures.



The Woodlands Township Board of Directors honored the memory of Coulson Tough with a proclamation, accepted by his son Bruce Tough, pictured center.



The Woodlands Township Board of Directors recognized Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, pictured center, with a proclamation honoring his service to the Creekside Park portion of The Woodlands.



The Woodlands Township Board of Directors welcomed new Commissioner Tom Ramsey, pictured center.



The Woodlands Township Board of Directors read a proclamation honoring The Woodlands High School sophomore Jacob Jones, pictured fourth from right, in his 1-M Diving State Championship.