



**Beech Grove Parks Department**

Dear Mayor, Beech Grove City Officials, Beech Grove City Boards, Commissions, and Committee Members:

I am writing to distribute our Beech Grove Parks Board meeting minutes from our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for the purpose of reporting the Parks Board vote to move forward with the due diligence and planning of the Beech Grove City School's Strategic Plan for expansion of Hornet Park.

Please read page 1 under **Central Project and Discussion** and the first paragraph on page 3 under **Recommendation to Beech Grove City Council Regarding Central Project** to clarify the Parks Board recommendation to move forward with the development of the Central Project plans and to conduct a proper due diligence assessment identifying costs and long-term viability of the project.

Regards,

John Parks  
President, Beech Grove Parks Board

## Minutes for February 21, 2018 Beech Grove Parks Board

President John Parks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Parks Board Members Joe Grant, Bruce Bye, and Dan Norris present, and Parks Director Tom Hannan, and Facility Manager Angel Calvert McKenna attending.

Guests included Dr. Paul Kaiser, Debra Foster, Aaron Lamb, and Amanda Rubadue.

### **Central Project Update and Discussion**

Dr. Kaiser stated the community meetings continue to be held at each of the schools to present the proposed Strategic Plan for Beech Grove City Schools and to answer questions. He provided a brief overview of the major parts of the proposed Strategic Plan that impact the current Community Center.

Earlier in the day, President Parks sent a message to the Parks Board stating:

I plan to start out with Craig Wiley's research, our BG City Attorney, confirming that it is the City and not the Parks Department that owns property.

The soccer fields and tennis courts are also owned by the City. Craig indicated that in 1995 the School and City entered into a long-term lease agreement renewable every 20 years, and was renewed in 2015.

The City also has a similar leasing arrangement on the community center but the City owns it.

Craig also clarified that the School corporation is fully independent of the City and owns the other schools. He noted that the school system paid for the construction of the school part of the community center facility, but not the land, and granted a lease and license agreement to construct the tennis courts and soccer field in exchange for allowing the City to use them and other recreational facilities for City purposes at the High School and Middle School.

Based on the fact that the Parks System doesn't own anything the Park Board really has to defer a commitment decision to the Mayor and City Council and respect their authorization to initiate and relocate the Parks program facilities.

Dr. Kaiser clarified the Parks Department would continue to control, and the community would continue to have access to, the banquet rooms at Hornet Park.

Some of the questions from the Parks Board included the allocation of utility expenses at Hornet Park to the areas that will still be controlled by the Parks Department. Dr. Kaiser stated one option to allocate the utility costs is to base it on square footage.

Dr. Kaiser stated the overall agreement regarding the Community Center needs to be written, structured, but not minute.

The Parks Board agreed we need to develop a recommendation to the Beech Grove City Council with enough time that hopefully the City Council can possibly have a joint meeting with the Board for Beech Grove City Schools prior to the School Board acting on the Strategic Plan draft at their May 8, 2018 School Board Meeting. The Parks Board recommendation regarding the Community Center will be developed later, at tonight's meeting, and forwarded to the Beech Grove City Council so that the City Council can indicate their approval or disapproval prior to May 8, 2018.

### **Greenscape Commission Appointment**

Dan moved and Joe seconded the motion for the Parks Board to appoint Deb Foster to the Greenscape Commission. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Dan moved, Joe seconded the motion to approve the January 10, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

### **Beech Grove Parks Director's Report**

Tom stated some medium size trees had come down, and a water line has been replaced for one of the restrooms at Hornet Park.

### **Beech Grove Greenway**

John provided a general update for the Greenway, and stated a more detailed report will be available after their February 26, 2018 meeting.

### **Community Readiness Initiative**

President Parks communicated Mayor Buckley's request for "the Parks Board to state what we envision the City of Beech Grove looking like in 10 years." John commented that we should focus on the areas where the Parks Board has responsibility.

John asked for comments on this the next couple of days while this request is fresh-in-mind. Specifically, pick either an area listed on the Primacy of Place Table that relates to Parks, or select something that has a broader overview.

For the area each Parks Board Member chooses, our assignment is to state:

1. Community problem needing resolved?
2. Why is it a problem?
3. Who/what causes the problem? Why?
4. What would it take to correct the problem?

Park Board Member responses should be sent to John in the next couple of days.

### **Non-Reverting Operating Fund**

President John thanked Dan Norris for his diligent work leading to the Beech Grove City Council recent passage of General Ordinance No. 12.

### **2018 Program Fees**

The one-page listing of proposed fees was distributed. Dan moved, and Joe seconded the motion to approve the 2018 Program Fees with an effective start date of March 1, 2018. Motion carried.

### **Point of Sale**

Dan reviewed the concept and Angel provided the overview of three proposals that have been received. Additional information will be collected including the possible interest by the City of Beech Grove.

### **Recommendation to Beech Grove City Council Regarding Central Project**

Dan moved, and Joe seconded the following motion:

The Beech Grove Parks Board recommends to the Beech Grove City Council to move forward with the planning of the Beech Grove City School's Strategic Plan for expansion of Hornet Park.

The Parks Board recognizes there are some major unknowns, and realize there may be increased costs of operating the Parks Department, and realizing the two Hornet Park banquet rooms, kitchen and office space remain under control of the Parks Department, and that a portion of the Community Center be located at Central Elementary. Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

Evening meal during the school year: provided Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Hornet Park

## **Summer Out-Of-School Meal Locations**

Summer meals (During Out-of-School Times) will be provided at the following locations:

Lunch: Monday-Library, Tuesday-Sarah T Bolton Park, Wednesday-Don Challis Park,  
Thursday-Hornet Park, Hartman Park-Days to Be Determined.

## **Submission for "Healthy Out-of-School Time" Grant**

With the support of Chartwells, Angel is applying for a \$25,000 grant titled "2018 Healthy Out-of School Time" offered by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and provided by the Walmart Foundation. These funds are to be used for expenditures that help local park and recreation agencies increase healthy meals served to children, provide evidence-base nutrition literacy to children, and implement nutrition and physical activity standards.

The application deadline is March 16, 2018 with notification by April 6, 2018.

## **Submission for \$5,000 Walmart Foundation Grant**

Funds for this grant can be used in one or all of the following eight ways for U.S. individuals and families:

1. Hunger relief and healthy eating: Providing Federal or charitable meals/snacks for low income individuals.
2. Health and human service: Providing medical screening, treatment, social services, or shelters for low income individuals.
3. Quality of life: Improving access to recreation, arts or cultural experiences for low income individuals.
4. Education: Providing afterschool enrichment, tutoring or vocational training for low income individuals.
5. Community and economic development: Improving local communities for the benefit of low income individuals.
6. Diversity and Inclusion: Fostering the building of relationships and understand among diverse groups in the U.S.
7. Public Safety: Supporting public safety programs through training programs or equipment in the United States
8. Environmental sustainability: Preventing waste, increasing recycling or supporting other programs that work to improve the environment in the United States.

## **Next Meeting**

Our next Parks Board Meeting will be March 14, 2018 at Hornet Park Community Center.

## **Meeting Adjourned.**

Bruce Bye Secretary

February 21, 2018