

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
MINUTES-PARK BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2015

The regular scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:30pm by Bruce Bye, Board Secretary.

- Roll Call Board members present: Bruce Bye, Cindy Montgomery, John Parks, Kim White, Rick Skirvin. Tom Hannan, Parks Department Director. Excused-Mike Pence.
- Guests None.
- Minutes The minutes of the January meeting were approved as typed, motion-Kim, second-Cindy, all-aye.
- Claims The claims were presented for review.
- Director's Report Tom reported 1 part-time employee returned and is working 2 days a week doing painting, organizing, getting things ready for spring. Tom stated the agreement between the parks department and school relating to the soccer field and tennis courts by the community center is due for renewal. The renewal will be generated from the school. The pre-bid meeting on the paving of Hartman Park had 12 or 13 bidders. Bids will be opened on February 17, 2015. After the bid is awarded, work will start ASAP, weather permitting. They will grade the site and it will be filled and leveled with compacted stone for the Little League opening.
- Greenscape Report Beth Berg submitted the report. Election of Officers was tabled until February to give the Council more time to make their appointment of a new member. Two projects are being considered for this year to qualify for a Tree City USA Growth Award; a Tree-Care Emergency Plan for the city in the event of a severe storm and Biomass Recycling. Dave Miller will be contacting Brad Meriwether to discuss whether these projects are feasible. A link to the Indiana Wildlife Federation will be added to the Greenscape's Community Resources webpage on the city website. The IWF has a lot of good information for residents, some nice activities and resources for kids to learn more about Indiana wildlife and habitat. The commission is also considering a Facebook page as another means of sharing information with the community. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 5pm, at the community center. Bruce Bye stated Beth is willing to continue serving as a member of the Greenscape Commission. Rick motioned for approval, second-Cindy, all-aye.
- Unfinished Business A first draft of the Five-Year Master Plan was submitted and received by IDNR on January 15. IDNR is reviewing the submission and anticipate completing their plan review checklist mid-February. A Public Hearing on the final plan draft will need to be held in March, followed by a

two or three week period for additional comments from the public. If possible, the public hearing will be scheduled in conjunction with the regular March Parks Board meeting.

Tom is working on putting together an Action Plan of parks projects for 2015-2019 which will be used as a guideline for the future, depending on funding and other needs/ideas that might arise.

The completed plan will need to be approved by the Parks Board at the April meeting and submitted to the IDNR for their approval no later than April 15, 2015. The Board expressed appreciation for Beth's hard work on the Five-Year Plan.

A request from Weight Watchers asking for use of ½ banquet room at a lower rate was reviewed by the Board. Rick stated we have given them the room for free for this long with no benefit to the center. Rick motioned to give Weight Watchers 2 months grace period in Rm. O, after that we will charge the going rate for use of Rm. O or ½ banquet room, second-Cindy, all-aye.

New Business A request from St. Francis to hold the Walk to Remember in Sarah Bolton Park with use of the 3 shelters on October 10, 2015 from 7am-2pm was discussed. The Walk is for families who have experienced the loss of a baby. Rick motioned to approve the request, second-Kim, all-aye.

A request from Samuel Bryan Chapter of the DAR asking for a waiver of fees on April 11, 2015 to hold a special recognition of Vietnam Veterans on the 50th anniversary. They will have light refreshments, music and entertainment. Rick motioned to approve the free usage of Rm. A, second-Cindy, all-aye. All groups must have a Certificate of Insurance listing the city as additional insured on file.

The Soccer and Little League agreements were discussed. Tom said we need to re-enforce the rules with the soccer organization. Tom said he could try putting up a few posts and taping off areas where no parking is allowed. Bruce asked about giving a notice to each participant. After discussion, Rick motioned to adopt the agreements, second-Kim, all-aye.

Discussion was held about vehicles driving off road in the park and damaging the turf. Rick asked about the status of cameras. Tom said it is a money issue.

Bruce asked for election of officers. Bruce said he chooses not to be nominated for President. Cindy said her work schedule won't allow except on Sunday. Rick said his work schedule also is a problem. John stated his work schedule takes him out of town also. Rick suggested moving the meeting to Sundays, discussion was held. Rick motioned moving meetings to the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6pm, second-Cindy, all-aye. Cindy motioned Rick for President, all-aye. Cindy volunteered for Vice President, all-aye. Rick nominated Kim for Secretary, all-aye.

January 2015 Totals		
Fitness	2 new 3-month passes	\$110.00
	5 renewed 3-month	\$200.00
	9 daily	\$ 45.00
	Total	\$355.00
Combo	9 employee passes	\$ 45.00
	1 new 6-month combo	\$135.00
	Total	\$180.00
G.E.	7 renewed 3-month	\$280.00
	2 daily	\$ 10.00
	Total	\$290.00
Senior	1 new 3-month	\$ 55.00
	5 renewed 3-month	\$200.00
	2 new annual	\$310.00
	1 renewed annual	\$140.00
	Total	\$705.00
Room Rental	Rentals totaled	\$1,610.00
	Damage Deposits	\$1,200.00
	Total	\$2,810.00
Shelters	43 shelter rentals	\$2,795.00
Dog Park	14 renewals	\$490.00

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm, motion-Kim, second-Cindy, all-aye.

Secretary

Approved