

CITY OF BEECH GROVE  
MINUTES – PARK BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The regular scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Beth Berg, Board President.

Roll Call Board Members present: Beth Berg, Joe Prindle, Bruce Bye, Mike Pence, Cindy Montgomery and Tom Hannan-Director, Parks Department. Excused-Rick Skirvin.

Guest Dr. Paul Kaiser, Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent

Minutes The minutes of the January meeting were approved as typed, motion-Bruce, second-Joe, all aye, none opposed.

Claims There were no new claims to review.

Presentation Dr. Kaiser presented to the Parks Board several programs he is looking to implement this year. Dr. Kaiser and the Beech Grove City Schools are working on providing coaches for summer sports camps and to offer other recreational programs for kids to participate in this summer.

The school still plans to clean-up the woods next to the Community Center. The Enrichment Academy kids will be in charge of taking care of the upkeep, such as mulching. This will count as their Community Service Project. Tom has offered mulch from the Park to help out with this project. Bruce reminded everyone of Dave Miller's advice to minimize the use of heavy equipment which could compact soil and damage tree roots.

Another project for the Schools is the South Grove baseball field. They plan on redoing the field. They have added a Middle School baseball team which will utilize the updated field when completed this spring.

The aerobics class from the High School is continuing to utilize the Hornet Park Community Center aerobics room for their class, which has been going well.

Dr. Kaiser also proposed the Hornet Park Elementary school utilize Room 'B' at the Community Center for their physical education class when the room isn't scheduled for any other events. The P. E. teacher would contact the Community Center to see if it would be available on the days he might need it. There was some discussion by Dr. Kaiser and the Board about safety issues that might arise. Beech Grove Schools would contribute \$5,000.00 annually, which would go towards the Community Center's utilities along with wear and tear on the facility. He will leave it to the Board for their decision on the matter. Tom and Alma will meet with Mr. Vuskalns, Hornet Park P. E. teacher.

Beth suggested that Tom work with Dr. Kaiser on details for these programs, which was agreeable to all. He will let the Board know if he needs anything else from them.

Director's Report Fitness – 7 new 3-month passes - \$385.00, 9 renewed 3-month passes - \$360.00, 13 daily passes - \$65.00, year-to-date \$810.00

Combo – 7 employee passes - \$35.00, year-to-date \$35.00

Group Exercise – 5 new 3-month passes - \$275.00, 1 renewed 3-month pass - \$40.00, 7 daily passes - \$35.00, year-to-date \$350.00

Senior – 3 new 3-month passes - \$165.00, 5 renewed 3-month passes - \$200.00, year-to-date \$365.00

Hornet Park Room Rentals – January - \$2,672.50, year-to-date \$2,672.50

Shelters – year-to-date \$3,055.00

Dog Park – January - \$485.00, year-to-date \$485.00

Tom reported he applied for a Bird Watcher's Program Grant but was denied. They will send additional information to assist in reapplying next year. He applied again this year for the Recycling Grant from Coca-Cola and Beautify America but hasn't heard back on that yet. If approved, we will receive recycling containers for all the shelters and enough for the Fall Festival and our fire works event.

They cleaned out the Don Challis storage area and are building storage racks for storing the Main Street Christmas decorations.

Tom has met with the fencing contractor and a turf maintenance man with regard to issues about Hartman Park and Sarah T. Bolton Park but the weather is postponing their ability to finish those projects.

The restrooms have been prepped and the supplies have been purchased for painting the interior of the restrooms as soon as the weather gets warmer. He dead wooded some trees by the Hilltop Shelter. He has two backboards to replace and bought materials for two more so all the backboards will be new this spring. He has replaced the old insulation above his office.

He attended the Arts for Indiana show to look at possible new talent for our upcoming summer programs which are not just entertaining but educational too.

Mike will look into the Lions Club taking over the Easter Egg Hunt this year and the Park will provide any manpower along with scheduling the Easter Bunny.

Greenscape Commission Report: Beth reports that Tim Latimer is now the Chair and he will be working closely with Dave Miller.

The next Greenscape Commission meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at the Hornet Park Community Center.

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Unfinished  
Business

2015-2019 Parks Five Year Master Plan: Beth gave Joe the ADA information from last year to look over. Beth will be going through the old plan to see what needs to be changed and updated. She will make sure everyone has a copy of the old plan and if anyone is interested in working on a certain section, just let her know.

New  
Business

Beautify Beech Grove requests to have their second annual 5K Family Fun Walk with a waiver of fees in Sarah T. Bolton Park on May 31, 2014, at the Main Shelters. Motion by Bruce to approve Beautify Beech Grove's request with a waiver of fees and providing they submit a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the City as additional insured, second-Joe, all voted aye, none opposed.

Beech Grove Parks Department/Beech Grove Little League Agreement: No changes were suggested for the Agreement and Cindy Montgomery will take it to Kurt Aping, Beech Grove Little League President.

Beech Grove Parks Department/Beech Grove Soccer Club Agreement: The Agreement for Beech Grove Soccer Club is up for renewal. Suggestions for new language and revisions in the renewal Agreement include; new dates for their upcoming season, that the open field north of the Main Shelters is not included in the areas that they can use in Sarah T. Bolton Park, the goals must be secured before practice or play can begin and storage of the concessions trailer when the season is over will be the responsibility of the Beech Grove Soccer Club and not be stored at the Park Director's building. Beth will make the changes to the Agreement and present it to the Board at our next meeting for approval.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., on Monday, March 10, 2014, at the Park Director's office in Sarah T. Bolton Park.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_