

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
MINUTES-PARK BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m., by Beth Berg, Board President.

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

Due to the lack of a quorum, no official business took place.

Guests Bud Templin

Minutes Approval of the minutes tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Claims No claims were reviewed.

Director's Report Fitness - 2 new 3 month passes - \$110.00, 13 renewed 3 month passes - \$520.00, 4 daily passes - \$20.00, year-to-date \$1,040.00

Combo - 1 daily - \$5.00, year-to-date \$25.00

Group Exercise - 6 new 3 month passes - \$330.00, 2 renewed 3 month passes - \$80.00, 15 daily passes - \$75.00, year-to-date \$715.00

Senior - 4 renewed 3 month passes - \$160.00, year-to-date \$520.00

Hornet Park Room Rental - February - \$2,143.75, year-to-date \$5,210.00

Shelter Rentals - February - \$910.00, year-to-date \$3,510.00

Dog Park - February - \$475.00, year-to-date \$1,285.00

Tom Hannan reported the Hilltop Shelter is complete, the new vault restroom building has been delivered, and the Don Challis Shelter just needs the roofing put on. Electrical service will be installed at both shelters and landscaping will be done around the restroom building. Bid packages for the Lick Creek project will be available for contractors on Friday, March 15th.

Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m., is still scheduled for the installation of the fence cap but they are expecting rain.

Amtrak is donating their flag pole to the city and it will be installed at the Little League diamonds.

The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be there at noon. Volunteers can help hide eggs around 12:00 and there will be door prizes.

Tom suggested March 26 and April 8 for the Dick Templin Field dedication. Bud Templin will speak with his family and get back with Tom to finalize a date.

The parks and shelters opening date is Saturday, May 4, 2013.

Beth Berg compared the revenue report to this time last year. Shelter rentals are basically the same and room rental revenues are up about 55% for the first two months of the year.

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The fitness center is doing a little better as well. It was down by 50% but now it is only down 33%.

Unfinished
Business

Beth reported that the Greenscape Committee is going out in April to look at the ash trees for signs Emerald Ash Borer infestation. There are 34 trees city street and the park trees to be inspected. Signs of damage is an indication it is too late to save the tree. The Greenscape Commission's next meeting date is at 6:30 p.m. on March 18th at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Beth also reported she contacted Nikki Shearer, the Soccer Club President, to get their dates, which are April 13th through May 25th and August 10th through October 19th. She will notify them that May 11th is unavailable due to the 5K Family Fun Walk planned for that date and send the Agreements for signatures.

New Business

Request from Holy Name School to use the park shelters on May 24th for their annual event and includes the use of a bouncy house, for which they would need to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

Request from Special Olympics to use the banquet room for a dinner with a waiver of fees in June.

Request from PetFeedNews for a waiver of fees to the use of the Hilltop Shelter on March 24th to help local families reunite with lost pets, help with adoptions and help families find ways to save on pet needs.

No action was taken on these requests. Planning can move forward with the approval of the Parks Director and Facility Manager or Board President.

Public
Comments

Bud Templin shared that Derek Lisby, the Little League District 7 Administrator, would like the Parks Department to consider letting Little League use our baseball field in Sarah T. Bolton Park in mid-July for the Senior Boys State Tournaments and maybe host Big League and Senior League game on Sundays in July. ESPN might be covering the tournament, which could be good exposure for our city. He will have Derek Lisby contact Tom to discuss this further and arrange a meeting to come by to take a look at the facility.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks Board will be Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Parks Director's office in Sarah T. Bolton Park.

Secretary _____ Approved _____