

CITY OF BEECH GROVE  
MINUTES – PARK BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:33 p.m., by Beth Berg, Board President.

- Roll Call Board Members present: Beth Berg, Joe Prindle, Mike Pence, Bruce Bye, Rick Skirvin, Cindy Montgomery, Tom Hannan - Director, Parks Department.
- Guests Mayor Dennis Buckley
- Minutes The minutes of the February meeting were approved as typed, the March minutes were approved as amended, correcting Mike Pence's name, motion-Joe Prindle, second-Cindy Montgomery, all aye, none opposed.
- Claims There were no new claims to review.
- Director's Report Fitness – 3 new 3 month passes - \$165.00, 6 renewed 3 month passes - \$240.00, 5 daily passes - \$25.00, year-to-date \$1,470.00
- Combo – 1 renewed 3 month pass - \$70.00, 1 daily pass - \$5.00, year-to-date \$100.00
- Group Exercise – 3 renewed 3 month passes - \$120.00, 9 daily passes - \$45.00, year-to-date \$880.00
- Senior – 2 renewed 3 month passes - \$80.00, 1 renewed 6 month pass - \$80.00, year-to-date \$680.00
- Dog Park – March - \$510.00, year-to-date \$1,795.00
- Tom Hannan reported that the damaged playground equipment at the Don Challis Park has been replaced, the play area was mulched, and all the picnic tables have been returned to the shelters. Additional fence topper was fitted at the Little League diamonds and a flag pole will be moved there for set-up on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, a concrete ramp in front of the new restroom building was installed, the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>, the new walkway will be in place, and some minor pothole repairs will be done to the parking lot in order to position some handicapped parking spaces there adjacent to the walkway. The water will be turned on the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> and the restrooms will be open that week as well.
- The pre-bid meeting for the creek project was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, with four contractors walking the project area. The bids will be submitted this week. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, the winning bid will be awarded. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.
- Tom acquired 163 year old trees from the state nursery last week. We have 65 white pines that have been planted. Tom has arranged purchasing 7 Beech trees and 3 other trees which will be either Autumn Blaze or Autumn Glory from Schneider Nursery to be planted along the creek this fall after that project is completed. All the grass along Emerson has been cut.
- Beth mentioned that the Promoter's Club would like to volunteer on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April and Tom said they could help by spreading mulch on the two remaining playground areas.
- Beth Berg compared the revenue report to this time last year. The fitness center's revenue was down by about \$1,000.00 but everything else is pretty comparable.

Unfinished  
Business

Beth reported that the Greenscape Committee is reminding property owners that they will need a street tree planting permit, at no cost, if they are going to be planting trees in the right-of-way. It is to ensure that the appropriate tree is chosen for the size of the planting strip that they have and any information they need can be found at City Hall or on the city website.

Beth also reported that the City of Beech Grove has been named a Tree City USA again for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

March 16<sup>th</sup> was a very successful clean-up day. Some local student nurse volunteers aided with picking up sticks and limbs which will help with the upcoming mowing season. The fence cap was installed as well.

The Easter egg hunt was successful again this year. Attendance was about the same and we had more eggs this year to accommodate all the participants.

New  
Business

Volunteers for the Beautify Beech Grove Family Fun Walk, scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>, would like permission from the Park Board to utilize the main shelters in the park for their event and begin the walk there as well. They will also be providing the Board with a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured for our records. Motion-Rick to make that available for them, second-Joe, all aye, none opposed.

Dr. Kaiser, Superintendent of Schools, would like to attend our May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss some ideas he has where the schools and the parks department would work together on some programs which could be beneficial to our community.

Community Hospital would like to attend the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss some future projects they would like to propose to the Board for their review.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks Board will be Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Hornet Park Community Center, Room 'D', at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., motion-Joe, second-Rick and Cindy, all aye, none opposed.

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