

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
MINUTES – PARK BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 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, Mike Pence, Cindy Montgomery, Rick Skirvin and Tom Hannan - Director, Parks Department. Excused-Bruce Bye.

Guest Mike Jarvis, Beech Grove Historical Society

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

Claims There were no new claims to review.

Director's Report Fitness – March - 1 new 3-month pass - \$55.00, 5 renewed 3-month passes - \$200.00, year-to-date \$1,535.00

Combo – March - 3 employee passes - \$15.00, year-to-date \$80.00

Group Exercise – March - 5 new 3-month passes - \$275.00, 3 renewed 3-month passes - \$120.00, 7 daily passes - \$35.00, year-to-date \$1,125.00

Senior – March – 4 new 3-month passes - \$220.00, 3 renewed 3-month passes - \$120.00, year-to-date \$1,015.00

Hornet Park Room Rentals – March - \$2,193.75, year-to-date \$7,962.50

Shelters – March - \$715.00, year-to-date \$4,355.00

Dog Park – February & March - (do not have yet), year-to-date \$485.00

Tom thanked the Beech Grove Lions Club for sponsoring a successful Easter Egg Hunt held in Sarah T. Bolton Park on April 12th.

There was an incident of vandalism to the Hilltop Restroom building and surrounding area sometime after 1:00am. The mess has been cleaned up, an uprooted Vanderwulf pine tree was replaced, and repairs will be made. This was a random act and not indicative of an overall problem in the parks. However, Tom is working with the Beech Grove Police Department to have an officer lock all restroom buildings each night. They will be opened by parks staff in the mornings.

The part needed to repair the handicapped swing harness is in. Also new fencing and backstop will be installed at the Little League diamonds prior to Opening Day.

Greenscape Commission Report: Beth reported the City of Beech Grove has been named a Tree City USA again for the 9th year in a row.

The next Greenscape Commission meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., on Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Unfinished
Business

2015-2019 Parks Five Year Master Plan: Discussions were held on reworking the Community Survey and ideas about how to get surveys out to the Beech Grove Community. Rick and Cindy offered to work on revising the survey, looking at the last one and surveys from other cities. Joe Prindle suggested focus groups, which the Beech Grove Library is doing with the help of an outside consultant. Board members will e-mail Rick with any suggestions they might have regarding the surveys. The Park Board will continue going through the previous plan. Beth thanked Rick for providing an updated demographic study commissioned by Beech Grove Schools.

New
Business

Mr. and Mrs. Perry requested the Park Board reconsider retaining their damage deposit of \$250.00 for an event that was scheduled on March 29, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The damage deposit was forfeited because Mr. and Mrs. Perry's party went 1 and ½ hours past their agreed upon time for having their party. The Perry's contend they were under the impression they would be charged an additional \$25.00 for each hour past the 8:00 p.m., closing time. It was explained to the Perry's this is only an option at the signing of the contract. Alma Rish had shared that all parties are informed before signing to be sure they will have ample time for decorating, having the party and cleaning up as agreed. At no time were the Perry's told if they went later than they agreed, they would only be charged an extra \$25.00 per hour and it would be taken from their damage deposit. Board members agreed the terms of the room rental agreement are very clear. No action was taken and forfeiture of the deposit will stand,

Jim Coffman, a Board Member of the Great Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce requested the Park Board on behalf of the Hornet Park Community Center donate something for their annual golf outing as a prize. Cindy - motion to provide the Great Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce two 3-month fitness passes, second - Mike, all aye, none opposed.

Mike Jarvis, President of the Beech Grove Historical Society presented a proposal for permission to rebuild the old Churchman Tower in Sarah T. Bolton Park. Beth Berg stated that this suggestion was made three years ago and was turned down. After some discussion it was clear there would be no change from that previous decision. Tom offered to work with Mike J. on wording for a plaque to be placed on the fencing at the Churchman Avenue entrance to the park recognizing that it came from Churchman family's Hillside property. Also the Parks Department and Board continue to be interested in a monument/marker with a list of names to remember those buried in the old Lick Creek Cemetery.

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The Park Board had discussions regarding suggestions made by Rick about possible ways of promoting the City as a place to visit and increasing our revenue. Several ideas were presented and Rick will do some further research .

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., on Monday, May 12, 2014, at the Park Director's office in Sarah T. Bolton Park.

Adjournment Approximately 7:40 p.m., motion by Beth to adjourn the meeting, none opposed.

Secretary_____Approved_____