

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
MINUTES – PARK BOARD MEETING
JULY 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, Rick Skirvin, Mike Pence. Excused-Cindy Montgomery, Bruce Bye and Tom Hannan-Director, Parks Department.
- Minutes The minutes of the June meeting were approved as typed, motion-Rick, second-Mike, all aye, none opposed.
- Claims There were no claims presented for review.
- Director's Report Fitness – June – 9 renewed 3-month passes – \$360.00, 7 daily passes - \$35.00, year-to-date \$2,655.00
- Combo – June - 1 employee pass - \$5.00, year-to-date \$105.00
- Group Exercise – June – 3 renewed 3-month passes - \$120.00, year-to-date \$1,510.00
- Senior – June – 2 renewed 3-month passes - \$80.00, year-to-date \$1,725.00
- Hornet Park Room Rentals – June - \$1,249.75, year-to-date \$10,908.25
- Shelters – June - \$1,170.00, year-to-date \$9,360.00
- Dog Park – June - \$105.00, year-to-date \$3,125.00
- Beth reported for Tom. The fireworks were a success again this year. The Animal Adaptations program went well and the bridge to the Hilltop is going to be a storm sewer project.
- Greenscape Commission Report: Beth reported Tim Latimer was contacted about tree overgrowth between Dangerfield and Woodcrest. The apartment complex and neighbors had concerns regarding the deteriorating creek bed and whose responsibility it is to maintain. The Commission is in contact with the City regarding the creek bed and trimming of those trees. The dead trees along Main Street will be replaced this fall possibly with New Harmony Elms. The next Greenscape Commission meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2014 at the Hornet Park Community Center.
- [Bruce Bye arrived at this time along with guest, Amanda Ecoff.]**
- Guest Ms. Amanda Ecoff, Beech Grove resident.

Purpose of Visit Ms. Amanda Ecoff attended our meeting to voice her concerns regarding the Park. She thinks the swings are too high which makes it difficult to use them even with the added mulch and there aren't enough swings leading to long lines. She said there were about 10 before but now we only have 4. [Tom later stated the number of swings has not changed and he will look into the swing height.] She feels there isn't enough equipment for the kids to play on. She would like a sandbox brought back. She wanted to know why the grills were removed. Beth and Rick explained they were taken out because they were old, unsafe and were a liability issue. Ms. Ecoff indicated the trees need trimmed back so they would be better able to see the July 3rd Fireworks. Beth replied the trees are trimmed as needed for the health of the trees and that wouldn't be a possibility. She wanted to know why the playground equipment had been moved at Central Elementary and if it was open to the public. Rick explained because of flooding and graffiti issues, they placed the equipment at the front of the school which is open to the public. The Board thanked her for coming in and said they would have someone get back with her on these issues.

Unfinished Business 2015-2019 Parks Five Year Master Plan: Beth is reactivating the Survey Monkey account so a demo survey can be tried out before going public. The Park Board will continue going through the previous plan and make updates as necessary.

[Tom Hannan, Director-Parks Board arrived at 7:10 p.m., after his budget meeting.]

New Business Bruce presented information regarding I.U. Professor Nierzwicki's proposal and the progress the City has made. The total cost of the proposal is \$5,300.00. City Council has approved paying up to \$2,650.00 to fund this proposal. If RDC approves it, the plan's cost will be divided into thirds. Dan McMillan, the Clerk Treasurer, RDC and City Council will each contribute. Each party is paying \$1,767.00 toward the cost. Professor Nierzwicki is including a workshop on August 16th at City Hall from 9:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., to help with any issues and questions.

Ms. Marie Maher with Lullaby Sitters is requesting she only pay the \$250.00 damage deposit once to be carried over for each month's use. Their company places sitters with potential families. The families would be responsible for any background checks. The Board agreed they can carry over the deposit.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., on Monday, August 11th, 2014 at the Park Director's office in Sarah T. Bolton Park.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m., motion-Rick, all aye, none opposed.

Secretary _____ Approved _____