

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
MINUTES – PARK BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2013

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, Bruce Bye, Cindy Montgomery and Mike Pence. Excused - Joe Prindle, Rick Skirvin and Tom Hannan - Director, Parks Department.
- Guests Frank Nierzwicki
- Presentation 2015-2019 Five Year Parks Plan Proposal – Our guest, Frank Nierzwicki of Nierzwicki Governmental Consulting, LLC, presented a possible consulting agreement between the Beech Grove Parks Department and his consulting firm. He has an extensive background with INDOT in the Seymour and Vincennes areas, has worked on major projects in Louisville, on I-69 and has done some work in Evansville. He was the head of the Metropolitan Planning Organization in Bloomington and the Planning Director for the town of Ellettsville. He is currently on staff at the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs where he teaches urban studies.

His proposal would include a review of the Five Year Plans produced by other Indiana cities, counties and townships so he could make suggestions on how the Parks Department would proceed. He would review all federal, state and private funding sources for recreational development and make recommendations. He would also provide us with enhanced survey techniques which would include working with the schools and the Mayor's office so that the survey could be all inclusive and we can ensure a better Park Plan survey response.

The cost for his Proposal is \$1,000.00 plus up to \$150.00 in mileage reimbursement for travel between Bloomington and Beech Grove. A partial payment of \$500.00 is paid within ten business days of signing the contract, \$300.00 is due sixty days after signing and the balance of \$200.00 is due within ten days of the completed work. Mileage would be submitted on a bi-weekly basis.

Bruce asked what Beth was able to discover regarding the cell tower funding and if those funds would be available for use by the Parks Department. Beth spoke with Dan McMillan who is in negotiations with the company that currently owns the tower and indicated the payments would begin at the end of November and be just over \$700.00 a month. She also contacted Charles Pride with the State Board of Accounts and was informed the Park Board does have the right to ask for the money but it would need to go before the City Council and they can approve or deny the request.

Mike would like to know if the City is interested in being involved in the Parks new

Five Year plan. Cindy asked if we have the funds available for Mr. Nierzwicki's proposal. It was indicated that there has not been any funding put in place for this in our current budget.

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Bruce presented an alternative suggestion regarding the Five Year Parks Plan. His idea is to develop an overall City Five Year Plan where the approximately \$8,000.00 cell tower revenue can be utilized in the best way possible for the City. When budgets aren't as tight and hopefully funding has improved, then we can look at where the Parks actually fits into the overall plan. Mr. Nierzwicki indicated this would need to be a more comprehensive plan and he could certainly work on for us if we decided to go this route. He also thinks it would benefit us to have a plan in place for the Mayor that covers a number of years where that money can be applied to the City as well as the Parks, but requesting the funds is vital to moving forward.

[At 7:33 p.m. Cindy Montgomery gave her apologies and left the meeting.]

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

Minutes No action was taken on the September meeting minutes due to lack of a quorum.

Claims There were no new claims to review.

Director's Report Fitness – 4 new 3-month passes - \$220.00, 6 renewed 3-month passes - \$240.00, 9 daily passes - \$45.00, year-to-date \$3,310.00

Combo – year-to-date \$230.00

Group Exercise – 2 renewed 3-month passes - \$80.00, 4 daily passes - \$20.00, year-to-date \$1,495.00

Senior – 1 new 3 month pass - \$55.00, 2 renewed 3-month passes - \$80.00, year-to-date \$2,045.00

Hornet Park Room Rentals – September - \$1,337.50, year-to-date \$14,475.00

Shelters – September - 5 @ \$65.00 each - \$325.00, year-to-date \$12,480.00

Dog Park – September - \$170.00, year-to-date \$3,650.00

Beth reported for Tom that final live staking for the creek bank project will be done the second week of November.

A replacement swing set for the main area playground will be installed this year.

After several meetings with Rici Petrecca, Vice President of Psi Xq Sorority, they have decided to pay for all seven trees to be planted at the creek side. The sorority will also adopt two existing trees (a cost of \$2,280.00) and they have committed to seven future plantings.

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The Mayor has asked that we go through all rules and ordinances pertaining to the Parks. Tom plans to spend some time reviewing those when he returns from vacation.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the schools for PE classes has been signed and Dr. Kaiser said that the T.V. will be installed soon.

Greenscape Commission Report: Beth shared that this year's Arbor Day Tree Planting with FFA students and Mr. Kaufman was held on Tuesday, October 8, at the high school. Dr. Kaiser, Joe Prindle, School Board members Mr. Cox, several science teachers and school administrators attended. Mayor Buckley read the proclamation and Melody Stevens took photographs.

The Commission will begin working on the City's Tree City recertification application at next week's meeting on Monday, October 21. It will be submitted by the end of the year.

Beth Berg's appointment to the Commission expires at the end of this year. This is a Parks Board appointment for a term of four years.

The next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 11, 2013, at the Park Director's office.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:06 p.m.

Secretary _____ Approved _____