

City of Beech Grove
Minutes – Park Board Meeting
November 10, 2014

The regular scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:34pm at the community center by Beth Berg, President.

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

Guests Amy Norcross, Weight Watchers Leader, and husband, Jim Norcross. Amy addressed the Board regarding using a larger room for the Weight Watchers meetings because the number of members is continuing to grow. After discussion Beth Berg stated ½ banquet room could be rented for \$100.00 per week. Amy stated the fee will have to be approved by the Weight Watchers corporate office.

Minutes The minutes of the September 8th and October 13th meetings were approved as typed, motion-Joe Prindle, second-Rick Skirvin.

Claims There were no claims presented for review.

Director's Report Tom reported the shelter and mowing seasons are over. Y-t-d \$27,000.00 income from the community center, and \$16,000.00 from the other parks. The Halloween Party was a big success, 160 treat bags were passed out and Silly Safari's did a great job. Santa will be at the Senior Center from 1-3pm on December 13th.

Fitness – October – 6 renewed 3-month passes – \$240.00, 1 new 3-month pass – \$55.00, 2 daily passes – \$10.00, year-to-date \$3,480.00.

Combo – October – 1 employee pass – \$5.00, year-to-date \$125.00.

Group Exercise – October – 3 renewed 3-month passes – \$120.00, 3 new 3-month passes – \$165.00, 12 daily passes – \$60.00, year-to-date \$2,445.00.

Senior – October – 5 renewed 3-month passes – \$200.00, 1 renewed 6-month pass – \$70.00, year-to-date \$2,575.00.

Hornet Park Room Rentals – October – \$2,462.50, year-to-date \$17,108.25.

Shelters – October – \$0, year-to-date \$11,830.00.

Dog Park – October – \$235.00, year-to-date \$4,005.00.

Donation – October – \$50.00 BG Alumni Association.

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Tom stated Complete Tree Service removed 3 trees in the last month, 2 at Hilltop, 1 east of the big playground at a cost of \$6,000.00. More trees at the Little League that back up to Carrington need to be removed.

The RDC finalized their 2015 budget which includes approximately \$120,000.00 for the Parks Department. The Park projects include a new restroom at Hilltop, new carpet for the Community Center banquet room, removal of the old skateboard park, and repair of the water line between the driveway of the house to the north of the Little League and the driveway back to the concession stand.

Vandals broke the cage that covers the plumbing of the fountain. It will be repaired in the spring.

Fence repairs will be made at the Little League, at the ball diamond in Sarah Bolton Park, and at the Maloof property.

Greenscape
Report

Beth Berg stated there was a good turnout for the Arbor Day ceremony at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Volunteers helped plant flowers and shrubs at the Peace and Nature Garden. Information is being gathered to apply for recertification as a Tree City before the end of the year.

Board Members reviewed the fee structures for 2015. Bruce Bye motioned to approve, second-Rick Skirvin, all-aye.

Rick Skirvin motioned to approve the Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy and Procedures as presented, second-Joe Prindle, all-aye.

Beth Berg presented a revision of the Hornet Park Center Membership Discounts for the Board's review. The revision listed the Boards individually and added the Snow Birds Membership Extension for senior members who winter out-of-state. Bruce Bye motioned to approve the revised (November 10, 2014) Membership Discounts, second-Cindy Montgomery, all-aye.

Tom is working on a new dog park brochure with new advertising. The Board discussed charging \$50 for an ad and listing on the City's web site. Rick Skirvin motioned to approve the fee of \$50.00, second-Cindy Montgomery, all-aye.

The Board discussed the 5-year Master Plan. Beth asked Joe about ADA requirements and park facilities. Joe stated the gravel parking lot of the soccer field by the Street Dept. needs to be paved or concreted. They discussed the need to make the restrooms at the Little League ADA accessible, a handicap accessible port-o-let will be used next year. Tom said at Don Challis Park they need to connect the playground to the shelter. Beth asked about the youth center

at the Community Center that was on the Action Plan. Rick stated a small Grant was received but the City had no matching funds and the Grant went away.

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Nov. 10, 2014 The Beech Grove Wesleyan Church requested a waiver of fees for a banquet in December. Board members agreed the church be considered a not-for-profit and that fees be waived provided they supply a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as Additional Insured. Bruce suggested they be given a deadline to submit the Certificate of Insurance.

The next meeting will be at the Community Center on December 8th at 6:30pm.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm, motion-Rick Skirvin, second-Joe Prindle, all-aye.

Secretary_____ Approved_____