

BEECH GROVE PARKS BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
Hornet Park Community Center - November 9, 2016 -7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Bruce Bye at 7:05 pm.

**Roll Call:** Dan Norris, Tom Hannan, John Parks, Angel McKenna, Bruce Bye

**Guests:** Jim –continued the discussion and update on disc golf at Beech Grove City Parks.

During the October discussion, the Park Board requested that Jim provide a proposed course layout at Sarah Bolton Park, taking into account the Greenway and homeowner locations.

Jim stated during this past month he had met with a course design person and they needed more information on the layout and location of the proposed Beech Grove Greenway in Sarah Bolton Park.

After much discussion, there was a consensus that Sarah Bolton Park is not a good fit for disc golf because of areas that currently are located in the park such as the veteran's memorial, the dog park, multiple playgrounds, multiple shelter areas, cable TV area, roads, homes bordering the park, the commitment to build the Greenway, and current high use of the park by both adults and children.

The possibility of using Hornet Park woods was discussed, and the Board suggested that Jim consider developing a layout for this area. Jim agreed, and he will develop a course layout for the woods area when leaves are off of the trees. Tom also mentioned that he would have no problem with the lawn space being included in the design.

**Minutes Approval:** Dan moved the September 10, 2016 minutes be approved. Seconded by John and motion carried. There was not a quorum for the October 12, 2016, so approval of those discussion notes is not necessary.

**Claims Review:** No comments or questions.

**Director's Report:**

- For Halloween, 250 goodie bags were distributed, 7 \$15 Subway gift cards awarded, and prizes were awarded for three outstanding costumes. The Promoters Club contributed \$150 and personnel for the event, and the alumni group also contributed \$50.
- Have received insurance dollars to make park repairs for damage that had been done to a grassy area.
- Approximately \$8,000 in tree work is being completed including cutting down trees that are unsafe.
- Painting of dugouts have been completed and restrooms in Challis Park have also been painted
- For Beech Grove High School service days, 8 students moved 30 yards of mulch and other students replaced lights in the Christmas decorations for Main Street. Thank you for their excellent work and assistance to our community.
- In the next couple of days the grass will likely be mowed for the last time before spring.
- John commented that the park looks great.

Motion by John, seconded by Dan to **install 2 speed bumps** on the west side of the park. Motion carried. Tom will talk with the Mayor before these are installed.

**Greenscape Commission Report** had been sent for prior review. No questions or comments.  
**New Business**

**Group exercise classes/instructors:** Angel pointed out the need to review the basis for charging for group exercise. With the current arrangement, this past year, there was a gap of approximately \$5,000 between fees paid by students and compensation for instructors.

Dan moved to allow instructors to rent exercise space, hold their own classes, allow them to advertise and collect fees directly from group exercise participants. Seconded by John and motion passed.

Instructors will need to provide proof of insurance coverage (a minimum of \$500,000 blanket coverage should be requested,) Instructors will be told that participants of group exercise classes will not be required to buy park facility memberships, but participants will be required to sign-in since the participant's signature serves as a waiver.

It is suggested this revised policy become effective January 1, 2017.

**Spurlin refund request.** Fee of \$550 had been paid, but the room condition changed between time of rental and the time of use. Dan moved that a refund of \$100 be provided. Seconded by John and motion carried.

**Needlework group** have request to use the Hornet Park meeting area at no charge two times per month on a weekday evening. Since the group does not meet either the guideline of a not-for-profit 501 (c ) 3 type organization or a community service organization, there was consensus to tell the group there will be the normal charge for room use.

**Room rental fees:** Before acting on possibly changing room rental fees, the Board requested additional information on current rates being charged by similar facilities. This will likely be reviewed at our December meeting.

**Game room/lab guideline & policy approval:** There was a brief review of written guidelines, the Board's request was prior to considering approval, the guidelines and policy should be reviewed by our Park Board President and our City Attorney.

**Safe Sitter Fees** were discussed. Unfortunately because of the current low rates that were being charged, a high number of no-shows have occurred. Plans are being made to offer six classes which will accommodate 48 participants. In considering the amount to charge for participation, and if we should take into account whether or not students attend Beech Grove Schools and/or live in Beech Grove, Dan moved the charge be \$25 per student and the same rate applies to all students. Seconded by John and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Next meeting will be held at the Hornet Park Community Center at 7pm on 12/14/16