

Beech Grove Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016 7pm

Presiding: Rick Skirvin

Attendance: Bruce Bye, Dan Norris, Tom Hannan, Kim White, Mike Parks, Angel McKenna

Guests: none

Minutes: from December 2015 Approved by Dan Norris, 2nd Kim, all aye

Claims approved

Director's Report: the Oak trees have been trimmed as well as the tree line in the park. Two were down were cut up. Planted bulbs, cleaned the Don Challis restroom for painting. Game time parts have been ordered for play set repair. Little league Diamond: contractor has been met with, almost \$7000 going into the bases and pitching mound so they move to accommodate multi level leagues, will cost about \$21000 by the end. Schedules for summer and spring programs are finalized and published. Restroom at park office are complete. New trucks will be ordered in March. Angel and Tom met with Lori Hazlett with Indy Parks Foundations and the Mayor in regards to working with Indy Urban Acres to establish a community garden in Beech Grove. The farmer, Tyler, will be in touch with Tom to set up a time to tour the city for an ideal spot to grow the garden after IPF confirms that we fall under their umbrella. General cleanup on Emerson and 9th st. Electrical work done at HPCC for the flat screen tv in the cardio room. In Don Challis a circuit breaker went bad causing another to go out, had to replace both. Angel and Tom met with Erin Probus regarding use of their soft play equipment for preschool play days this summer. First play date is set for 3/24 as a trial and dates set for twice a month through the summer.

Greenscape: Angel McKenna attended our January meeting to discuss ideas and plans for the Parks Department's Going Green in the Grove Spring Festival. This year's Arbor Day tree planting will take place during the event. We are excited to be a part of this earth-friendly community event.

The next meeting of the Greenscape Commission will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center, moved from Monday due to the President's Day holiday. Carrie Tauscher, Acting State Urban Forestry Director, will be attending this meeting to share information about IDNR programs and potential grant opportunities for the City.

Unfinished business: St. Francis has booked their 2016 meetings in HPCC and has agreed upon the suggested donation amount of \$6500. New officers: President: Rick Skirvin, Vice President: Cindy Montgomery, Secretary: Bruce Bye. Kim motion to approve, 2nd Dan Norris, all aye.

New business: City employee pricing: request made by city employee for a discount and waiver of damage deposit. Discount already given for fitness center memberships. Dan Norris moves to keep pricing the same for all city employees. No employee discounts will be given for room rentals or shelter rentals. Kim White second, all aye. Usage of baseball fields for additional travel league: Due to a personal issue between little league president and the coach, it's been requested for them to be allowed to use the little league fields during baseball season. Rick will discuss the use of the field at South Grove with the schools instead of Hartman Park. Board decided to leave it up to the teams to work out a solution. Community Garden: discussed at the last School Board meeting. Tom is waiting on Tyler the farmer to contact him. Locations discussed were: between creek and parking lot by middle school, area behind south grove (not enough sun or access), 17th and Southern. Positive addition to the high school, they may add greenhouses. Schools will be purchasing the 5 acre area next to the high school parking lot toward Adelaide St. to expand for busses.

Adjourned: 7:40 pm Dan Norris motioned to adjourn, Rick second.