

Beech Grove Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016 7pm

Presiding: Rick Skirvin

Attendance: Tom Hannan, John Parks, Bruce Bye, Angel McKenna,

Absent: Rick Skirvin

Did not have a quorum, but did have two guests, so Bruce invited them to make their presentations while waiting for Rick to arrive.

Below is a first draft of the highlights from this evening's unofficial meeting:

Jim's comments: Has looked at both parks again, and thinking about options for the disc golf

Sara Bolton: Could likely have 9 holes. Hornet Park Woods: Could have either 9 or 18 holes. Course layout would be for the more advanced player. There are actually a couple of bridges over water drainage areas in the woods.

Also, changes in elevation which would be more attractive to the advanced players.

Ron's comments: Would like to see disc golf come to the Beech Grove community, Sarah Bolton course would be limited to 9 holes. Recommends a "launch which could also be a trial period," Less impact if first course would be put in at Sarah Bolton, Families go there already, so would be able to have more players, There have been planning meetings attended by 15 or 16 people who are interested in disc golf in Beech Grove parks, Like to see it funded, have the layout, and get on the tournament schedule.

Approval process is not clear to him (Ron.)

Recommendation: If Sarah Bolton goes well, if there is interest and success, then consider an additional course in Hornet Park Woods. Sarah Bolton has the advantage of any skill level being able to play the course.

An additional consideration is if there are two "T" placements for each hole (assume one would be easier than the other) and 2 "T's" would also have the advantage of "not wearing a path" which can happen if there is only one "T" for each hole.

B.Bye question: Will the course be designed by a qualified architect? Jim stated he has designed about 10 courses, and his friend Jerry has designed 20 courses and "he gets paid to do it."

After approval, there would be an official fund raising period. Planning group could be involved with the fund raising. Either Jim or Ron stated they could have a tournament with temporary holes, for the purpose of publicity and raising funds. Sarah Bolton also has the advantage of adults bringing children to the park where the children could be in the playground while adults play disc golf.

Follow-Ups Before the Next Meeting:

Jim will develop the course layout for 9 hole disc golf for Sarah Bolton Park, and send to Park Board Members.

Tom will call the insurance company, talk with Mayor Buckley on what is being proposed, and also will ask the Mayor if the City Attorney needs to be informed/involved?

Rick can have communications with Beech Grove City Schools on what is being considered. (There are advantages of having all possible interested parties aware of what is being considered.) Also possibly involve the Redevelopment Commission.

It was suggested to Jim that he needs to take into account the current Greenway Plan when developing/refining the 9 hole course layout. Also, take into account minimizing potential of children and/or innocent bystanders accidentally being struck by a thrown disc. Also, hole placement that minimizes an off-course disc going onto home-owners' private property.

The Parks Board is the final approving authority, but would also be good to have other groups in Beech Grove aware of what is being considered.

(As I recall from our last discussion, Dan commented that Indianapolis Parks got input from private property owners that could be impacted and that was done before the proposed course was installed. This may be a good reason to involve the city attorney to see if we need to have a hearing - community input meeting?)

Final Comment: Based on experience, it can take 6 to 12 months for planning / implementation.

End of first draft of Oct. 12 disc golf discussion written by B.Bye

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11/9/16 at the Hornet Park Community Center

October 2016 HPCC Income report

Fitness Center

Fitness	\$230.00
Group	\$160.00
Combo	\$5.00
Senior	\$295.00
Student	\$40.00
Total	\$730.00

Room Rental

Rent	\$1,725.00
Damage Deposit	\$1,500.00
Total	\$3,225.00

Shelters

Challis	\$.00
Bolton	\$.00
Total	\$.00

Programs Safe Sitter

BG students	
Non-BG Students	
Safe Sitter total	\$0.00

Dog Park

total income \$3,955.00

Approved _____

Date _____