

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
MINUTES-PARK BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2012

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:10pm by Ed Marks, Board President.

Roll Call Board Members present: Ed Marks, Beth Berg, Joe Prindle, Rick Skirvin, Nikki Shearer, Cindy Montgomery. Tom Hannan-Parks Department.

Guests David Mobley, Pam Stallard, Gerry McLaughlin, Joellen Castetter, Dan McMillan, Roy Hensly, Dick Templin, Frank Schwer, Nawal Hopkins, Karla Richardson, Brain Orange, Mike Jarvis, Anthony Davidson, Cathy Beloit.

Minutes The minutes from the January meeting were approved as typed, motion-Rick Skirvin, second-Nikki Shearer, all-aye.

The minutes from the Special meeting of the Parks Board and Board of Works on February 8, 2012 were approved as typed, motion-Beth Berg, second-Joe Prindle, all-Cindy Montgomery, Ed Marks, Nikki Shearer, abstained-Rick Skirvin due to being absent from the meeting.

Claims The Board reviewed the claims, motion-Beth Berg, second-Nikki Shearer, all-aye.

Director's Report for Fitness – 5 new 3-month passes for \$275.00, 15 renewed 3-month passes for \$600.00, 2 renewed 6-month passes for \$160.00, 17 daily for \$85.00, January total \$1,120.00.

Group Exercise – 3 new 3-month passes for \$165.00, 7 renewed 3-month passes for 280.00, 14 daily for 70.00, January total \$515.00.

Senior – 1 new 3-month pass for \$55.00, 7 renewed 3-month passes for \$280.00, January total \$335.00.

Combo – 1 (school) employee combo pass for \$5.00, January total \$5.00.

Hornet Park room rental fees totaled \$3,020.00 in January.

39 shelters were reserved totaling \$2,535.00 in January.

Dog Park – January \$476.00.

Beth Berg motioned to approve the Director and Shelter reports, second- Joe Prindle, all-aye.

Page 2 Beth Berg reported the Lions Club is planning a tree planting project in Feb. 13, 2012 the city. The Greenscape Commission will make itself available for advice and assistance as needed. An updated list of Approved Street Trees has been added to the Street Tree Planting Permit and is available on the city website. The next Greenscape meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at 6pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

New Business The Board reviewed a request from the BG Soccer Club for use of the same areas used last year in Sarah Bolton Park for their spring and fall 2012 soccer seasons. They stated the field at Churchman and Ritter Avenues is not large enough to host league games, and that the park is the only property in BG that is able to host the club games together with all three age division games being played at the same time. The Club would be willing to provide and pay for porta potty's for the months of April 3rd through June 3rd. Tom Hannan stated before approval is given he wants a formalized agreement drawn up like we do with the Little League. Hannan said he does feel like the field on Churchman Ave. could be used for the U-6 league. Nawal Hopkins said with the games being played at one site it would be easier on the people who organize and do all the work, it is hard to get enough help. Joe Prindle asked they use a shelter for concession purposes? Nikki Shearer said they have a portable unit. Nancy Roberts stated she's concerned about parking issues for shelter rentals. Rick Skirvin said he is sympathetic, he knows it is always the same parents who do everything. Hannan said it would help if they would even do practices at the Churchman Ave. field would help the wear on the turf. Hopkins stated the Soccer Club got blamed for stuff they didn't do, that football had practices and drove through the field also. Hannan said everyone has to understand there is only a certain amount of space and asked everyone to keep an open mind when using the areas. Ed Marks stated we will table the decision for now and asked Tom to prepare a contract for a vote in March. Nikki Shearer stated the season starts April 1st.

The Board reviewed a request for a waiver of fees for the use of the banquet room on November 10, 2012 from 8am-3pm from the Lions Club in order to host a meeting in conjunction with the Club's 75th anniversary. Rick Skirvin motioned to approve the request, second-Beth Berg, all-aye.

The Board reviewed a request for a waiver of fees for St. Francis to use the main shelter area for the Walk to Remember on October 6, 2012 from 6:30am-3pm. Beth Berg motioned to approve the request, second-Joe Prindle, all-aye.

The Board reviewed information from Carol Whithaus who worked an event on January 21, 2012. The party had face painting and had paint on the carpet and dance floor, did not clean up the facility, and did not leave

Page 3 at the scheduled time. Rick motioned to retain \$125.00 of the damage Feb. 13, 2012 deposit, no second. After further discussion Nikki Shearer motioned to retain the entire \$250.00 damage deposit, second-Rick Shearer, all-aye.

Ed Marks stated prior to the February 8, 2012 meeting with Community Hospital the Board met with St. Francis Hospital. St. Francis has an interest in renting a portion of the community center to use as a Prompt Care facility after the hospital closes on March 16th. They proposed to lease the east side of the building, but would like the entire facility so they could also have an Adult Day Care. After receiving input from BG citizens and non-citizens the feeling was this could not co-habitat with this type of facility. Joe Prindle stated the Board was unaware of the proposal from St. Francis until the meeting on January 25th, that the previous administration was working on some type of a deal with St. Francis regarding the community center. Prindle stated he is against losing the community center and that the proposal from Community is more user friendly.

The following are questions/comments/replies from the *audience & Board Members (names were not given as they asked their questions):

*Who would be responsible for renovations? Prindle-St. Francis. Marks-either occupant would be responsible.

Cindy Montgomery mentioned traffic concerns. School officials don't see it as a problem.

*Nawal Hopkins - school attached-security issue-bringing germs into the building. Same issues with any people coming in.

Rick Skirvin stated people would like to see St. Francis use space elsewhere.

*Over the years the City has been more than generous with St. Francis, they don't need to take this facility.

Dan McMillan stated it would be a clinic for school and city employees.

*If St. Francis is choosing to leave BG there are other buildings they could use including the building they are going to vacate.

Montgomery stated St. Francis had a prompt care on Emerson Ave., do we know why they left? Prindle-it was Occupational Health, they moved to County Line Rd.

*What do we have to do to convince the City it is not a good idea?

Marks stated Community Hospital wants to provide a variety of services, their interest is wellness and to provide a med-check initially, then look to build a facility. Community could co-habitat with the fitness center and room rentals. They would occupy space least disruptive to this facility. The Community business model better fits our community center operation.

Beth Berg stated she still has questions and would like to see what space Community would like and address restroom concerns.

Prindle said the Mayor wants to have both Boards meet on this issue.

*Karla Richardson asked what portion does Community want? East of the

Page 4 secretary's office.

Feb. 13, 2012 *Richardson asked what fee will they pay? There is no contract or dollars mentioned.

*Richardson-would their stay would be temporary? Marks-yes they would move out when the new facility is built.

*What about the St. Francis Churchman Ave. facility? Marks-it will stay, they are also opening a facility on Thompson Ave. across from K-Mart.

*I think they could find another space outside our building. Marks-the initial contact for both of these proposals came through the BG School Superintendent.

*I don't want to lose the community center.

*Richardson asked is the building of a new facility by Community contingent on leasing space here?

*I just want to clarify Community wants to lease space on a smaller scale?

Marks stated he appreciated the audience input and said the Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month and would like to see you back at the next meeting and asked if there was any further comments.

*What do you mean when you say you have enough info to move forward?

Marks said the Boards will meet to further discuss, it will be posted at city hall and the community center and on line.

*Richardson questioned your next step will be to require another meeting with them?

Marks replied if that is the Boards pleasure.

Marks asked the Board if there was a motion regarding the proposal from St. Francis. Rick Skirvin motioned to decline the offer from St. Francis, second-Beth Berg, abstained-Joe Prindle, all-aye.

Marks asked the Board's pleasure regarding the proposal from Community Hospital. Rick Skirvin motioned to open exploratory discussion with Community Hospital to see what their intentions are regarding leasing the community center and about building a permanent structure, second-Beth Berg, all-aye.

Marks stated every year the Board has a discussion with the Little League prior to the season and an agreement is signed. This will be tabled until the next meeting because the agreement is not ready.

Frank Schwer, Dick Templin, and Roy Hensley, BG Historical Society, stated they would like to rectify a wrong. They are interested in finding out if there are buried tombstones/graves where the cemetery was located in Sarah Bolton Park. Mr. Schwer came across a book at the library with the names of people buried at Methodist Chapel or Lick Creek Cemetery. He spoke with Chris Duffer and found out a resolution was passed in 1955 for the conversion of Lick Creek Cemetery to a city park by complying

Page 5 with provisions of IC 23-14-24-1 ef, scq. He has been in contact with

Feb. 13, 2012 Jeanne Dennis, DNR, Division of Historical Preservation. She couldn't find any information but she didn't think any laws were broken. They have also talked with U of I Professor Smith regarding this matter. They would like to have the Professor work with them and probe the ground to try and locate tombstones and/or graves. They contacted Bill Geshwiler to see if Elton Geshwiler had mentioned what happened to him. Bill thought the tombstones were laid over and covered with dirt. He thinks the graves are still there. The Historical Society is willing to start the procedure to resurrect this cemetery. Ed Marks stated they had a discussion as a Board several months ago. Marks asked what is the DNR's recommendation?

Templin said they were told to present it to the Park Board. Rick Skirvin stated this is a part of BG history and it should be resurrected. Marks said the ordinance needs to be looked into by the Council, Tom Hannan agreed that has to be the first step. After further discussion it was agreed to move forward.

Unfinished Business Tom Hannan stated the Mayor wants to know what direction the Board wants to take on the restroom building in Sarah Bolton Park. The City is ready to move forward with the insurance claim. Hannan stated it will cost 2x as much to replace the building. Discussion has been held about removing the facility and replacing it with a permanent chemical station. Hannan stated this year it will have to be port-o-lets. Beth Berg motioned to move forward with replacing the restroom building, second-Rick Skirvin, all-aye.

Tom Hannan asked the Board what direction they want to move with the Skateboard Park. Marks stated it is pretty heavily used, he would like to see new equipment investigated. Marks said the present equipment is a hazard and liability and it should be removed. Hannan said they could look at their options. Discussion was held. Nikki Shearer motioned to remove the current equipment, second-Joe Prindle, all-aye.

Dave Mobley, City Council member introduced himself. He stated he feels like BG people are letting us down. He don't think any Park Board members have been at a Council meeting. He invited the audience and Board members to come.

Marks stated the Park Board meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month and encouraged the people to come.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm, motion-Rick Skirvin, second-Beth Berg, all-aye.

Nikki Shearer, Secretary _____ Approved _____

