

## BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022—7:07 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 7:09 P.M.
  - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Joe Grant, Janis King, Jeff Woehler
  - b. Also present: Parks Director Tom Hannon; HPCC Program & Development Director Angel McKenna
2. Review Past Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by Tara Wolf. Unanimous approval.
3. Claims Review
  - a. Appropriations details and revenue report available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
  - a. Little League is expected to start on fields this month (March). Tom will continue to work toward getting an agreement signed.
  - b. Mayor wants to take siding off of the garage and improve it. He has a full list of things the City is already planning to fund, many of which are listed on the Parks Master Plan.
  - c. Mayor has also suggested hiring new people for maintenance of the trail and the installation of dog trash cans.
  - d. Water usually turned on in the parks in April.
5. HPCC Update
  - a. Programming this summer will have to move due to construction; Angel is in talks with South Grove as a possible location.
  - b. 270+ people were served within the families who signed up to receive food in tonight's food pantry.
  - c. HPCC is exploring a partnership with Gleaners, though the agreement requires that the partner agency is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization. We can evaluate if the Parks Foundation would fulfill this role.
6. Old & New Business
  - a. New parking lot plans on display; improvements include additional spaces, rain gardens and drainage infrastructure, raised grade to street level, additional lighting. Jeff moves that the Parks Board support the project; Joe seconds. Unanimous approval.
  - b. Ribbon-cutting will be April 15, 2022
  - c. Second phase of the Franciscan Trail was funded and may start in 2023.
  - d. Meeting with the RDC and the Parks Board at Crossroads on February 25 regarding an amphitheater seems to have resulted in the fact that the structure will not be in a park as originally brainstormed.
  - e. The Beech Grove Parks Foundation is needing to fill a vacancy.
  - f. We still need to appointment someone to the Greenscape Commission.
  - g. Regarding the LWCF grant, the Mayor has commented that the City would find the money for a match if successfully submitted. Joe moves that we pursue the bank stabilization project as a grant submission; Jeff seconds; unanimous approval.

- i. Ben and Tara will move forward with contacting Wessler and/or working with Tom on preparing the grant.

7. Round Table

- a. No additional comments.

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by Jeff Woehler. Adjourned at 8:05pm.
- b. Next meeting will be April 13, 2022 at 7pm at HPCC.