

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022—7:05 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 7:05 P.M.
 - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Joe Grant, Janis King, Jeff Woehler, John Dorsey
 - 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 Jeff Woehler. Unanimous approval.
3. Claims Review
 - a. Appropriations details and revenue report available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer. Non-reverting fund used for programmatic expenses.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
 - a. Little League has started on the fields, though they have no agreement with the Parks Board (expected to show up to this April meeting). Little League has fixed their picnic table and dugout. A few extra items have been discussed as clean-up items before operating. Bleachers have been fixed. Water is now turned on.
 - b. Three people working in STB on debris clean-up. Four additional trees planted.
 - c. Signed an agreement for the replacement of the fence portion missing from the entrance to STB.
 - d. Door of men's restroom at Challis Park was vandalized. Order has been made, in the amount of about \$2100.
 - e. The sign at the top of the hill entering in STB at 17th Street has been bent and needs replaced.
 - f. Several fence sections near Park Meadow (on Parks property) need rehabbed after trees have fallen.
 - g. The contractor is back to work on the Franciscan Trail.
 - h. All restrooms are opened in parks.
5. HPCC Update
 - a. Pantry this evening was well attended; normally 180-200 people are fed by the pantry's offering, though less than this show up to physically receive food.
 - b. Easter bunny breakfast is Saturday.
 - c. Going Green in the Grove is April 30.
 - d. Tomorrow is free breakfast and the Chamber luncheon.
 - e. A master vendor form is in the works to standardize how vendors interact in public parks at public events; this builds on a standard vendor permit required by the City of Beech Grove. Angel is also developing a packet to standardize expectations for public events in parks.
6. Old & New Business
 - a. Discussion around how best to route donations from the Parks Foundation into the Parks budget.
 - b. Trail ribbon-cutting is Friday at 1pm.

- c. Parking lot project at HPCC went to bid a couple weeks ago. Roberts Brothers has been selected; approval will come at the next meeting. Contractor will work with Angel and staff to maintain traffic as best as possible. Buzz Club will go to South Grove for the summer.
 - d. The City is being audited through the State Board of Accounts; minutes from 2019 need to be located and filed/published. August – November of 2019 are missing. Angel may have located them—Will email them to Tara.
 - e. A repairman will be out to replace a jack on the wall for the sound system; a previous meeting included some issues. We don't need a new sound system.
 - f. Two new part-time employees are now regularly on the trail to clean. Added benefit: more eyes.
 - g. Butch Fenema is a recommendation from Angel for the Greenscape Commission. Ben moves that we appoint him; Joe seconds. Unanimous approval.
 - h. The Beech Grove Parks Foundation is needing to fill a vacancy. Angel and Tara have previously spoken with a Dexter Lee who may be a good fit.
 - i. LWCF will not support the bank stabilization project we had previously voted to put forward. They suggested a separate LARE grant through Fish & Wildlife that might fit. DPW has directed Wessler to prepare the cost estimate/early scoping for that bank stabilization project.
 - j. A future partnership with Gleaners is enabled by the non-profit status of the Parks Foundation. Angel will start coordinating.
 - k. Holy Name conversations continue around the 16th/Detroit property.
 - l. Angel is hiring two new people, including a replacement for one person who only stayed a month. One other person had to be let go after a history of absences.
 - m. Second phase of the Franciscan Trail seems to have been approved by the School Board in its current design.
7. Round Table
- a. No additional comments.
8. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by John Dorsey. Adjourned at 8:16 pm.
 - b. Next meeting will be May 11, 2022 at 7pm at Hilltop Shelter.