

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022—7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 7:01 P.M.
  - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Joe Grant, Janis King, Jeff Woehler,
  - b. Also present: Guests Mary, Mick, Theresa, and Phil
  - c. Also present: Parks Director Tom Hannon
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.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
  - a. Mowing just about 24/7; everything is done about every other day given the rain and heat.
  - b. New dugout was painted to today at the Little League field.
  - c. Entrance gate for Bolton Park at Churchman Ave should be done tomorrow.
  - d. Little League has now signed their contract.
5. Old & New Business
  - a. Guests attended to brainstorm and advocate for pickle ball courts, either new facilities or by modifying current facilities (basketball or tennis courts). A standard court is 20x40 feet, though two could be introduced with lines on a tennis court.
    - i. Some conversation had been ongoing with the school superintendent, but this may have gotten lost with the parking lot resurfacing project.
    - ii. Another conversation involved adapting a Bolton Park basketball court in the near future during resurfacing (even this summer).
    - iii. Joe moves that the Parks department will paint lines on the basketball court in Bolton Park in the near future; this will allow for better understanding of the popularity and feasibility of the sport in our parks. A public engagement effort to attract momentum around a new pickle ball court will be posted online and via social media. Ben seconds this motion. Unanimous approval.
  - b. Franciscan Trail ribbon-cutting was a success!
  - c. 16<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed for a few days soon, near the entrance to Bolton Park, to continue to improve the drainage infrastructure along the trail segment.
  - d. The parking lot project will lead to the closure of the space just after the school's graduation. Tom mentioned that roots and mineral deposits continue to present themselves as issues to underground drainage infrastructure.
  - e. City County approved contract to make repairs to Little League structure on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
  - f. The school system reached out about storing items in HPCC for the summer, but this is impossible because the rooms are being rented. Another room will also be lost due to construction of a new entrance.
  - g. Tom met with Wessler staff for a site visit ahead of preparing their cost estimate ahead of a LARE grant proposal.

- h. Tara and Angel met to discuss how HPCC could use the Foundation's not-for-profit status as a partner in efforts to continue receiving support for Gleaners for our food pantry programming.
  - i. Culverts under the pedestrian bridge along the Franciscan Trail will be removed by June 15, per their permit.
  - j. Joe notes that Hilltop Shelter is often the site of kids supposedly using illicit drugs. If a police officer could include this site in regular rounds, that would be appreciated.
- 6. Round Table
  - a. No additional comments.
- 7. Adjournment
  - a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by John Dorsey. Adjourned at 7:42 pm.
  - b. Next meeting will be June 8, 2022 at 7pm at Hilltop Shelter.