

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2022—7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 7:03 P.M.
  - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Joe Grant, Jeff Woehler (by phone), John Dorsey, Jannis King
  - b. Also present: Parks Director Tom Hannon; HPC Program & Development Director Angel McKenna
  - c. Guest also present: Michael Main (with dog Remy)
2. Review Past Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by John Dorsey. Unanimous approval.
3. Claims Review
  - a. Appropriations details and revenue report on file and available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer.
    - i. Of note this month, Angel had to buy a new freezer as the old one went out, leading to the loss of food.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
  - a. Compliments from Tara: Everyone said the July 3 event looked fantastic.
  - b. July 3 clean-up went well; with 4 people working, the trash was all collected and to the road by 2am.
  - c. Little League garage has been re-sided and is awaiting paint. Likely 2-3 weeks until completion.
  - d. Tom is preparing a package of research/recommendations for an amphitheater in Bolton Park, with power considerations. The Mayor seems to be in favor of early ideas and estimations.
5. Hornet Park Community Center Report:
  - a. Summer field trips have included Conner Prairie and Zip City.
  - b. A budget for next year will likely need more funds programmed for office supplies.
  - c. Fitness Center has now moved completely to the basement, with new power supply added in that space for the cardio equipment.
  - d. New activity room space upstairs is now open; best ideas for the space may be a smaller party/meeting room for groups that do not need the full banquet room space.
  - e. Freezer went out this past month, leading to a \$4700 purchase of a new freezer which also broke. Angel is looking into warranty information.
  - f. Two sinks in the women's bathroom were broken off the wall this past weekend. Sinks will be replaced, but the issue may be resolved by removing vanity mirrors, which Angel believes may be leading to girls climbing on the sink structure to see in the mirror.
  - g. Cameras and code key pad have been added to exterior doors, of greater importance during current construction where alternate entrances are being used.
  - h. Buzz Club registration started July 1 for the new school semester. 97 kids have already registered. Angel needs more college students to employ as aids.
  - i. The pantry tonight served a standard number of people—on average about 70 families/200 people.

- j. A luau party is upcoming. Jeff will bring pina coladas.
  - k. School construction team has had issues maintaining access to the HPCC.
  - l. HPCC will close to the public next Monday, July 18 – Thursday, July 21 to allow for full access to parking lot construction team. Angel and Tom expect completion by the end of the month.
  - m. A Buzz Club parent who had issues with the support provided her student was called by Tara to confirm a refund.
6. Old & New Business
- a. Meeting guest Michael Main came to discuss a request for consideration: There is no line of water to service the dog park, and while everyone can bring their own water, a direct line would be more convenient for dogs and owners.
    - i. Tom suggests that a water line has existed at one point, but that it hasn't been able to be located. The conversation continued about what an appropriate spigot would be to prevent mud.
    - ii. Tom advises that a previous spigot outside of the bath house was destroyed, but that it could be as easy as re-opening the search for the water line or making a new connection from an existing structure.
    - iii. Tom will research our options—We believe the former line will not be found.
  - b. Ben and Tara met with the RDC and understand their interest in financially supporting the development of a park at 16<sup>th</sup>/Detroit. Considerations include whether the property or trail ideas are within a TIF district; how much RDC has in their budget at any given time; and whether the project can be phased, which would allow for funding year-after-year. Jeff separately had a conversation with Father Bob, who has spoken positively about the 16<sup>th</sup>/Detroit idea and is working on an initial valuation estimate of the property. Next steps include an idea pitch session to Holy Name. Jeff will coordinate with Ben and Tara on scheduling this.
  - c. Tara will contact Austin about next steps for the LARE grant, now that we have a cost estimate for bank stabilization.
  - d. Parks Foundation voted to be an “agency” of Gleaners, utilizing their non-profit status to ensure that Angel can go to Gleaners for the items she needs for the pantry.
  - e. Angel presents a proposed budget for 2023. Highlights include the addition of 2 new full-time employees, funded by non-reverting fund.
7. Round Table
- a. Jannis has great new hair. Unanimous approval.
8. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by John Dorsey. Adjourned at 8:01 pm.
  - b. Next meeting will be August 10, 2022 at 7pm at HPCC, particularly if the parking lot is done.