

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022—7:02 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 7:03 P.M.
 - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Joe Grant, Jeff Woehler, John Dorsey, Jannis King
 - b. Also present: Parks Director Tom Hannon
 - c. Guest also present: Michael Main (without dog Remy this time)
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 on file and available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
 - a. The shooting in Don Challis Park led to intensive clean-up of bodily fluids and—later—graffiti brought on by the same group of folks. This work was borne by Parks staff—primarily Tom. The family requested a cross be placed in Challis Park; the Mayor approved a temporary cross be placed and suggested a tree planting be a more permanent memorial.
 - b. Additional vandalism in Don Challis Park includes continued, significant, senseless damage to restroom facilities.
 - c. Little League garage and concession stands are done; garage will yet be painted.
 - d. Soccer programming starts next week in Sarah Bolton Park for about 9 weeks.
 - e. Tom is prepared a package of research/recommendations for an amphitheater in Bolton Park, with power considerations. These are now with the RDC for consideration; next steps would include a vendor scoping the site to see what would work.
 - f. Electric gate will be installed at the maintenance building.
 - g. The service road in Bolton Park between Hilltop Shelter and the water station will be paved and gated.
 - h. The original quote for repaving the basketball courts was in excess of \$10,000, which felt a little high to the Mayor. Mayor Buckley asked for preference on rebuilding the courts as is with pickle ball lines, or building new pickle ball courts, other ideas... General consensus seems to be that the courts should be rebuilt in the same spot as-is, with pickle ball lines added on top.
 - i. HPCC parking lot may be complete by the end of the month, pending good weather.
5. Hornet Park Community Center Report:
 - a. Angel out this week.
6. Old & New Business
 - a. Hornet Park Senior Center would like to set up movies in Bolton Park on 3 Friday evenings in late September and early October. No heartburn from Tom; Board is on board.
 - b. Beech Grove Artist Collective will have their Art in the Park event upcoming.

- c. Father Bob of Holy Name met with Jeff, Tara, and Bob last week and communicated that they were indeed interested in selling the property at 16th/Detroit, and are fine with waiting on the Parks Board to identify funding, suggested at about a year. Mayor Buckley has suggested an appraiser will be engaged to provide an early quote. Ben will put together a plan of attack for next steps, including outreach to the neighborhood. What does Marion County require for improvements?
 - d. The Parks Foundation is a 501(c)(4) and will need to be amended to be a proper 501(c)(3) in order to function for the purposes it was created—accepting funds and making donations to the Parks.
 - e. Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer will get with Tom, Angel and Tara to discuss the 2023 annual budget as it relates to Parks.
 - f. October 15 at 6pm will be the Mayor’s Parks dinner, with proceeds going to Parks.
 - g. Tara contacted Austin and got an IDNR representative scheduled to scope out the Lick Creek/Bolton Park riverbank for the LARE grant application. We still have a cost estimate from Wessler for bank stabilization.
 - h. Parks has hired a contractor to locate and reconnect water line to the Dog Park, for a cost of just under \$10,000.
 - i. Michael Main says a lot of digging occurs in the Dog Park, and he wonders if scrub rock could be placed to keep this from being a walking hazard. Tom suggests rip rap from Public Works could work.
 - j. Michael also suggests that small dogs are able to escape the Dog Park via the larger mowing gate; requests tightening up the gate corners.
7. Round Table
8. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by Jeff Woehler. Adjourned at 7:59 pm.
 - b. Next meeting will be September 14, 2022 at 7pm at HPCC.