

## BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022—7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 7:07 P.M.
  - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Jeff Woehler, John Dorsey, Jannis King, Joe Grant
  - b. Also present: Angel McKenna, Tom Hannon
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.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
  - a. Continuing to mow even at this point; leaves are mostly down and cleaned. A lot of clean-up work throughout the City. A commercial edger bought last year is being put to good use.
  - b. A piece of equipment doing tree maintenance on Franciscan Trail was leaking oil and left remnants.
  - c. Both basketball/pickleball courts have been repaved—They look good!
  - d. Water at the dog park is functioning well; the fixture keeps water from freezing, so water can be kept on all year.
5. Hornet Park Community Center Report:
  - a. Angel has applied for a grant through the Indianapolis Food Hunger Network which has been submitted. This was for supplies to help with the pantry, equipment to keep food hot or cold. We'll hear about the \$10,000 grant by December 1.
  - b. HPCC provided 319 meals at the food pantry tonight; roughly 1200 meals are provided each month.
  - c. Many events coming up, including:
    - i. Community Thanksgiving dinner on November 16;
    - ii. Mayor's Dinner for Parks; Police Appreciation Dinner;
    - iii. Turkey giveaway event;
    - iv. Homebound seniors Thanksgiving dinner delivery on Thanksgiving Day;
    - v. Breakfast with the Grinch on December 10;
    - vi. Christmas community dinner on December 21
  - d. Toni's last day was recently, and volunteer Jerri is interested in taking her place as an employee. Another prospect (Johnny) will be hired to assist with cleaning/setting up rooms for events.
6. Old & New Business
  - a. Breathe Easy Beech Grove reached out to Tara about making all Parks properties smoke-free. Tara will invite them to next meeting.
  - b. For the Mayor's Dinner for Parks: Catering order is now set for 150 people. \$20,000 has been committed already! Various Board members have responsibilities at various functions to keep things moving, i.e. registration table, display tables, etc. There will be

no mums for centerpieces; they've died. The Mayor has brought on an emcee in Laura Beck. Additional details discussed regarding the agenda. Members asked to be on site at 5pm.

- c. INRC grant: Ben circulated a draft application for comment from members. This proposal includes limited aluminum signage, some landscaping, and a bike rack for Hornet Park Community Center. With final comments from various folks, this application will be ready to submit by the November 14 deadline.
  - d. The Parks Foundation has a new logo and hopes to have their first meeting to decide mission statements, vision, etc.
  - e. Next steps for the stream bank stabilization project and the LARE grant is to get a contractor that could talk through best plan for phasing the project and get the most out of the funding.
7. Round Table
  8. Adjournment
    - a. Motion by John Dorsey; second by Jeff Woehler. Adjourned at 8:08 pm.
    - b. Next meeting will be December 14, 2022 at 7pm at HPCC.