

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023—7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 7:09 P.M.
  - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Jeff Woehler, Ben Easley, Joe Grant
  - b. Also present: Tom Hannon, Angel McKenna
  - c. Guest: Jim Coffman, Clerk-Treasurer for Beech Grove
2. Guest Presentation: Year-end Parks funding report for 2022
  - a. Details on capital, donation, operations funds within the non-reverting fund
  - b. Details on Appropriations recap for 2022, expected Appropriations for 2023 at HPCC
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3. Review Past Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion by Jeff Woehler; second by Tara Wolf. Unanimous approval.
4. Claims Review
  - a. Appropriations details and revenue report on file and available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer.
  - b. Tom notes that—while 2022 did not see many expenses for the non-reverting fund—this year has already seen several thousand dollars for this fund for electrical and wallpaper projects.
5. BG Parks Director's Report:
  - a. When it's warm and dry, Tom is cutting wood piled in several locations across several park locations.
  - b. Several trees and flower planted.
  - c. The oldest restroom facility in Bolton shows some cracks; Tom continues to address this little by little as it's warm.
  - d. Litter pick-up.
  - e. Planning for summer operations.
  - f. Planning for what parking space and playground could look like at 16<sup>th</sup>/Detroit property.
  - g. Met with the Mayor today to discuss a pedestrian bridge between the parking lot and playgrounds in Bolton Park, estimated at about \$250,000.
  - h. Mayor also spoke about running fiber to location in both Bolton and Challis parks, so that each can be equipped with wi-fi and cameras.
6. Hornet Park Community Center Report:
  - a. All new wallpaper is coming for most/all walls throughout the HPCC, paid for by ARPA funds and non-reverting fund.
  - b. Partnering with the Chamber to host a Wellness Fair, inviting booths that provide financial, physical, mental health services. On March 4, 11am--3pm.
  - c. Applied for MIBOR grant to cover the Concert in the Park series. (\$2,500)
  - d. Angel is planning a 5K run to accompany the annual Going Green in the Grove event.
  - e. Accident at the HPCC on Friday. A regular volunteer tripped while unloading crates for food bank. HPCC staff wrote up a report. The volunteer has yet to indicate any next steps she might take.

- f. Angel would like to hire 4 aids for Buzz Club, backfilling folks who have left previously. These positions seem to be best filled by college-aged students, but it's hard to hire anyone. Angel will talk with City leadership about next steps.
  - g. Treadmill quote came in; Angel plans to purchase this from contractual services funds.
7. Old & New Business
- a. Tara recaps the mission statement of the Park Board.
  - b. Tara will ask Craig Wiley if bylaws are needed for the Parks Board.
  - c. Tara sent notes from our amphitheater meeting to the RDC for consideration. No response yet from Matthew.
  - d. Tara had a nice meeting last week about the Hornet Park Greenway (between Emerson Avenue and Churchman Avenue, around the high school property).
  - e. Tara has heard folks pushing back about the HPCC hosting political groups for events. The Board believes we are consistent and fair in our decision to allow all political groups to rent at full price.
  - f. 16<sup>th</sup>/Detroit project is in Tom's court, getting quotes for parking and playground areas.
  - g. LARE grant application for stream bank stabilization in Bolton Park was submitted; now just waiting.
  - h. INRC grant believes we need one permit for our project; waiting on Linda Ahlbrand to opine on what kind of set-backs we need to place a sign on a property zoned this way. The permit should be easy.
  - i. Angel and Ben both applied for MIBOR funds-- for Concert in the Park, and for co-working pod.
  - j. Jim Coffman, by text, advises that dog park fees can be moved around to be administered by HPCC staff and assigned to Parks budgets.
  - k. We expect that both Little League and Soccer program will have agreements eventually to use Parks facilities this summer.
8. Round Table
9. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Ben Easley; second by Tara Wolf. Adjourned at 8:16 pm.
  - b. Next meeting will be March 8, 2023 at 7pm at HPCC.