

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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

1. Call to Order
  - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, John Dorsey, Jeff Woehler, Jannis King, Joe Grant, Ben Easley
  - b. Also present: Tom Hannon, Angel McKenna
2. Review Past Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion by Jeff Woehler; second by Tara Wolf. Unanimous approval.
3. Claims Review
  - a. Appropriations details and revenue report on file and available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer.
  - b. Recent items of note: HVAC repairs and new water heater recently at HPCC. Water in the elevator shaft after recent storms needed to be addressed.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
  - a. Regular operations include: a new flag for BGLL, sprayed weeds at various location, cleaning up picnic tables, trash pick-up.
  - b. Revised soccer agreement is in hand. Have not yet heard about Little League.
  - c. Supplies are in to complete basketball goal maintenance.
  - d. A team from Holy Name is now signed up to practice in Bolton Park.
  - e. A car was seen on the Franciscan Trail; rocks could be used to choke down the entrance point. Trees also have been seen down along the trail and will require maintenance.
  - f. Restrooms could be open next week, if weather holds.
5. Hornet Park Community Center Report:
  - a. An estimated 100 people attended the Wellness Fair last week. More than 40 vendors bought table space; \$1200 earned.
  - b. Veterans appreciation event coming up on March 25.
  - c. Installations of cameras at HPCC will be occur next week.
6. Old & New Business
  - a. Buzz Club – Recap of last meeting's discussion and next steps.
    - i. Dr. Hammack has said that BGCC can take over the Buzz Club program at their facility, only starting after August 2023.
    - ii. The largest concern for Beech Grove Parks is the employees that would be impacted by the dissolution of the program, as the program fees pay for those employees. The Mayor has previously said that he supports retaining these employees or making sure they continue to be employed.
    - iii. It's important to the Board that the kids experience a sense of continuity and consistency should the program move from one manager to another.
    - iv. A distinct summer program held at HPCC (sometimes called "Buzz Club Camp") has less restrictions and could be retained within the Parks Department, if paid via fees from participants. (Participants in the summer seem to pay much more consistently than throughout the year.)

- v. Ben moves that the Board enable/support appropriate parties as they start conversations about how to transfer the Buzz Club program to BGCS, in the understanding that there are yet many details to be addressed (including summer programming and staffing issues). Jeff seconds. Unanimous approval.
  - vi. Tara will invite Dr. Hammack to the next Board meeting.
  - vii. Discussion continues about how to hire temporary employees for programming such as summer camp or off-school-time programming.
- b. Grants
- i. MIBOR – The grantmaker tabled the Board’s application in the first round of 2023, but asked for more information and that we apply again in May with some explanatory questions answered. Ben will work on getting this coordinated to submit again.
  - ii. INRC – Indy has decided that our project will require a single sign permit, though the DMD Current Planning team has already approved the site plan for the project. The permitting team will fast track approval of the permit. Ben will work with Jim/BG City leadership to get the permit application signed and turned in. A final contract should come thereafter.
  - iii. LWCF - Tom brought some info to the meeting for the potential 16<sup>th</sup>/Detroit park project. This includes early thoughts on drainage needs for the site as well as cost estimates for a simple or complex play structure.
- c. Bylaws – Tara will send around examples for future discussion.
- d. Summer concert series got a \$3,000 grant, and an additional \$9,000 from program fees will be used to pay bands. Temporary toilets could be rolled in for a limited cost. Selling booth space could be a way to help pay for it. Police will be notified.
- i. Angel is working on a standard contract for individual bands, including hammering our considerations on whether bands should play and/or be paid rain or shine.
- e. Tara presented to the City Council about amphitheater; the only question was about a trial run.
7. Round Table
8. Adjournment
- a. Motion by John Dorsey; second by Jeff Woehler. Adjourned at 8:27 pm.
  - b. Next meeting will be April 12, 2023 at 7pm at HPCC.