

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021—7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: Joe Grant, Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Jeff Woehler, Janice King
 - b. Also present: Parks Director Tom Hannan
2. Guest Recognition – No guests
3. Review Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by Jeff Woehler. Unanimous approval.
4. Claims Review
 - a. Appropriations details report coming when Angel returns from vacation.
5. BG Parks Director's Report:
 - a. Everyone is really tired; weather has been perfect for high weeds, grass, tree trimming.
 - b. Staff includes 4 part-time people working on their own schedule, plus Tom as a full-time employee; he sets the project list for things like trimming and cutting grass.
 - c. Planted two donated trees in STB this past Sunday, donated by friends of Tom & Mary Eagan.
 - d. St. Francis soccer program is over now; they were happy with the results.
 - e. [On a question from Ben:] Construction on the parking lot and build on that property has halted while Beech Grove and the school system confirm with the City of Indy on the conditions of the interlocal agreement.
 - f. The Little League organization has requested a meeting with Tom. On the request for batting cages, the largest consideration may be whether concrete would have to be poured.
 - g. The police are watching plans for the upcoming fireworks with interest, due to the presence of firearms and potential for alcohol. BGPD will bring in auxiliary officers from Southport for help in directing traffic. The park will be closed to traffic the entire day.
 - i. Perhaps in the future, the Parks Board should have a stronger presence in the planning, especially as the City of BG is now buying the fireworks, the participants are being asked to pay, and the BGPD are policing the event.
 - h. Summer camps are ongoing at HPCC.
 - i. Project manager for the pollinator garden as well as the program leader have left KIB, meaning the sustainability of the garden is in question. New signs are yet to be delivered, and at least one bat house must be moved.
6. HPCC Update – Forthcoming when Angel returns from vacation.
7. Old & New Business
 - a. Tara had a call with the Taft associate Cam Starns today; he will start the paperwork for a 501(c)(3) Friends group, and Tara will talk with the Mayor. Next steps include tapping folks for the Friends group; best practice may be a diversity of folks from local organizations, businesses, mayoral appointments, etc. The vision for the group would be a fundraising foundation for the Parks system.

- b. Everyone seems to be asking why the trail isn't done, but they have until trail completion in Spring 2022. Updates continue weekly via the contractor via Mayor Buckley.
 - c. No additional chatter about the shooting; video footage wasn't conclusive to follow-up.
 - d. Holy Name may be open to a conversation about partnering an expansion to Parks property on a parcel at 16th Ave/Detroit Ave.
 - e. Little League contract for next year should be mostly the same; soccer program contract may be more in line with that one next year.
 - f. Next meeting will include conversation on the budget.
8. Round Table
- a. No additional comments.
9. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Joe Grant. Adjourned at 8:05pm.
 - b. Next meeting will be July 14, 2021 at Bolton Park at 7pm. Members will meet at 6pm ahead of time for a tour of parks assets.