

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023—7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Members Present: Tara Wolf, Jeff Woehler, Jannis King, Ben Easley, John Dorsey, Joe Grant
 - b. Also present: BG Parks Director Tom Hannon; HPCC Director Angel McKenna
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. Moved by Joe; second by Jeff. Majority approval.
3. Claims Review
 - a. Appropriations details and revenue report on file and available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer. For reference, any expense by Parks Department staff of more than \$25,000 must be previously approved by City leadership.
4. BG Parks Director's Report:
 - a. Spent most of June prepping for July 3 fireworks. Tom thought we had a good result. Everything was cleaned and put back together by 9am the next morning.
 - b. Wind storms in late June dropped about 3 full trees and many limbs. Contractors clearing limbs on the weekend was costly.
 - c. Concert this Thursday night. The bi-weekly series has been going well; kinks getting worked out.
5. Hornet Park Community Center Report (notes from Angel via email):
 - a. This is the last week of summer camp at HPCC as well as daily lunch events at Don Challis park.
 - b. A check from Citizens Energy Group via the Foundation is one of several sponsors that have rolled in for the concert series.
6. Old & New Business
 - a. Last month's presentation on a smoke-free parks policy and accompanying policy won't be heard by the Council for a few months yet, meaning that the Parks Board has more time to draft a letter of support.
 - b. The rent for the cell tower in Bolton Park continues to increase, meaning that the City receives upwards of \$18,000 annually to house the infrastructure.
 - c. Craig Wiley reached out to say he'll help establish by-laws by the end of the year.
 - d. Concerns expressed about the state of the fields and facilities used by the Little League, for which they are responsible by contract.
 - e. A method for calming traffic through Bolton Park could be making the bridge over the creek pedestrian-only. Ben moves that we formally support such an idea as a traffic calming measure, giving Tom the opportunity to feel out what next steps might be; Joe seconds. Unanimous approval.
 - f. The Parks Foundation has more than \$26,000 on hand and has recently helped to fund the concert series and community work with Gleaners food bank. Foundation members have been working events, soliciting ideas and donations.
 - g. A follow-up email after the recent RDC-Parks Board special working session leads us to believe that the RDC cannot provide funds for the purchase of a property that is not

included in a TIF district, which the 16th/Detroit property we've been discussion for acquisition is not. This adds a wrinkle to the timeline of exploring developing this property as a park.

- h. Grants
 - i. INRC – \$10,000 has been deposited in the Foundation's account for this project. Ben will work with Tom to implement.
- 7. Round Table
- 8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by John; second by Joe. Adjourned at 7:48pm.
 - b. Next meeting will be August 9, 2023 at 7pm at Hilltop Shelter in Bolton Park (weather permitting). Rain location is Hornet Park Community Center.