

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Minutes for meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021—7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: Joe Grant, Tara Wolf, Ben Easley, Jeff Woehler, John Dorsey, Jannis King
 - b. Also present: Director Tom Hannan; HPCC Facility/Events Coordinator Angel McKenna
2. Guest Recognition – Jim Coffman, Clerk-Treasurer; Mayor Dennis Buckley
 - a. Franciscan Trail discussion:
 - i. Mayor has asked the Parks Board to come up with rules for the upcoming Franciscan Trail by October 1, to get them in front of the Council. Signs will be made and posted at each trailhead. These will be approved as an ordinance, so that they can be enforced.
 - ii. Part-time people may be hired for maintenance and security; these folks would be equipped with a Club Car product for transportation—Funds would come out of the stormwater budget.
 - b. American Rescue Plan
 - i. \$1.6M has been granted to the city this year, and the same amount will be granted at the same time next year.
 - ii. Mayor has asked that approximately \$1M of this go to the parking lot at Hornet Park, likely to be in construction summer 2022.
 - iii. Other eligible items for this funding could include transport of food; Angel's new vehicle will be reimbursed with this funding.
 - iv. Three municipal buildings will also see new roofs via this funding.
 - v. If we have relevant requests from our master plan or otherwise, we can bring these in front of the Council on the following timeline:
 1. Sept. 21 is Council budget workshop (Someone from Parks Board should present or be present to answer questions)
 2. Oct. 4 is first reading of the budget
 3. Oct. 18 is second and third readings, approval of budget
 - c. Fire Department service truck – Chevy Silverado—will be transferred to the Parks Department as it will not be transferred to IFD until the new fire service agreement.
 - d. FOX59 interviewed Tom about Bolton Park's dog park being a finalist as a best park in the Indy area.
 - e. Budget discussion:
 - i. Appropriation reports provided for previous years approved, previous years spent.
 - ii. Tom and Angel's biggest ask for 2022 budget would likely be related to personnel.
 - iii. Mayor's goals for 2021 budget regarding personnel including at least a 3% raise for all, with some employees receiving an additional increase commensurate with experience. Another focus will be additional compensation for police officers.

- iv. Tom and Angel will provide budget insight on what needs increased, can be decreased. Board will discuss over email to prepare for council budget workshop.
 - v. Items like a vehicle lease paid off last year can now be reallocated to other lines; future issues like treating the trail for weeds should be anticipated.
- 3. Review Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by John Dorsey. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Claims Review
 - a. Appropriations details report available via a public records request to the Clerk-Treasurer.
- 5. BG Parks Director's Report:
 - a. We're in the final four of a FOX59 contest for the best dog park in the Indy area.
 - b. Should we be collecting the revenue from the dog park? Yes.
 - c. There will be an art festival in Bolton Park this Saturday—75 artists will be in attendance.
 - d. Pollinator garden continues to take off. In the cooler months, we can likely finish the signage.
 - e. A Parks truck was stolen, tagged with paint and then recovered in Bargersville. It stayed at the tow yard, but we did get this new truck from the fire department due to the new service agreement with IFD.
 - f. Grass has stopped growing so quickly and seems more manageable.
 - g. Well attended National Night Out event drew a large crowd at Don Challis.
 - h. Recreational baseball league will start this Sunday using the Bolton Park facility through October.
- 6. HPCC Update
 - a. Wednesday dinner drew about 70 people this week; dinner was delicious.
 - b. Buzz Club now includes 175 children, which is now capped and there is a wait list. The search is on for teachers who can help out after school as well as college students to assist.
 - c. New van is working out great—including an ability to pick up full pallets of food.
 - d. Lions Club has applied for a grant to get HPCC a new freezer; Promoter's Club has offered the same.
 - e. Update meeting tomorrow regarding the HPCC parking lot—Tara will attend.
 - f. All Buzz Club staff are treated as independent contractors and paid as such, but Angel feels that a more formal agreement should be in place. City Attorney doesn't seem to think it's important, but a more concrete arrangement for job description and payment seems like it might be helpful as something to point to if/when discrepancies arise. Angel will send a digital version of a base template for review.
 - g. Angel has asked Mayor to present Kelly Moran and Kim Marr to Council for hire as employees in HPCC.
- 7. Old & New Business
 - a. Parks Foundation has three takers thus far in Mike Pence, John Ciriello, and Mikala Wade. We need two more, including possibly a Parks Board member.

- b. Jeff has approached Holy Name about the property at 16th/Detroit; they're very open to selling the property and are considering a price. A comparable property nearby was sold for \$180,000 for comparison.
 - c. Will talk about an updated security system for HPCC at the September meeting.
 - d. Little League and batting cages conversation yet to be had by Tom.
- 8. Round Table
 - a. No additional comments.
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Joe Grant; second by Jeff Woehler. Adjourned at 8:44pm.
 - b. Next meeting will be September 8, 2021 at 7pm at HPCC. Dinner is at 6pm if anyone is interested.