

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
MINUTES-PARK BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2012

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:15pm by Ed Marks, Board President.

Roll Call Board Members present: Ed Marks, Beth Berg, Joe Prindle, Nikki Shearer. Tom Hannan-Director Parks Dept. Excused-Cindy Montgomery and Rick Skirvin.

Guests Joellen Castetter, Roger Padget, Tony Cerulli, Cathy Beloat, Karla Richardson, Tim Showalter.

Minutes The minutes of the March meeting were approved as typed, motion-Beth Berg, second-Joe Prindle, all-aye.

Claims The Board reviewed the claims, motion-Beth Berg, second-Nikki Shearer, all-aye.

Director's Report Fitness – 2 new 3-month passes for \$110.00, 6 renewed 3-month passes for \$240.00, 10 daily for \$50.00, total \$400.00, year-to-date \$1,520.00.

Group Exercise – 5 new 3-month passes for \$275.00, 1 renewed 3-month pass for 40.00, 2 renewed 6-month passes for \$160.00, 13 daily for 65.00, total \$540.00, year-to-date \$1,055.00.

Senior – 1 new 3-month pass for \$55.00, 6 renewed 3-month passes for \$240.00, 1 renewed 6-month pass for \$80.00, total \$375.00, year-to-date \$710.00.

Combo – 1 renewed 3-month pass for \$70.00, 1 (retired city) employee combo pass for \$5.00, total \$75.00, year-to-date \$80.00.

Hornet Park room rental fees totaled \$342.00, year-to-date \$3,362.00.

16 shelters were reserved totaling \$1,040.00, year-to-date \$3,575.00.

Dog Park – February total \$760.00.

Tom Hannan stated if monies become available from a major bond issue he will look at replacing South Grove shelter first, then Hilltop shelter, and update the playground equipment. Hannan said he will have the play areas assessed by a Liability Insurance person and get guidelines from him on developing a ADA Compliance Plan. The surface in the play areas needs improvement and a handicap swing chair is needed. Joe Prindle asked if the insurance check should cover the demolition and clean-up of

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the restroom building? Hannan said it will and it might pay for the porta pots this year. Beth Berg asked if the bond issue will cover the work on the creek banks? Hannan said someone is putting together a plan. Marks explained that the silt build up is changing the flow in the creek washing away the bank and bushes, IPL had to reset a power pole. Hannan stated weed eating the bank is not good for the creek bank, he said planting native plants on the creek bank would help with the erosion and the stabilizing of the creek bank.

Unfinished
Business

Beth Berg reported the Greenscape Commission discussed the following requests for assistance from Mayor Buckley.

An ordinance or policy requiring tree service contractors to remove all debris from tree trimming and/or removals.

Assistance with developing a plan for cleaning up and maintaining vegetation along the banks of smaller streams in the city leading to the creeks and under bridges.

Work with Brad Meriwether in preparation for taking bids for maintenance of trees and landscaping along Emerson Avenue and at the roundabout. Dave Miller submitted a recommendation regarding specs for the bid process.

The B.G. Promoters Club Spring Clean-up Day will be Saturday, April 21st. The Commission would like to work with the Parks Dept. and Parks Board to have another Clean-up Day in the Parks on that date, if it works for everyone. Hannan said yes they can be involved. Berg said the next meeting of the Greenscape is March 19th at 6pm. Discussion was held about charging for debris pick-up. Members agreed contractors should be responsible to remove their debris pick-up, and to provide pick-up service to residents.

The Little League and Soccer Club agreements were reviewed. Joe Prindle motioned to table the Little League agreement until a representative is present. After discussion Prindle withdrew his motion. Beth Berg motioned to approve both contracts with the exception Tom Hannan and Ed Marks can make changes as needed, second-Joe Prindle, all-aye. Marks said they will move forward with the reviewed soccer agreement. Prindle asked Nikki Shearer how will the Club handle replacing the items lost in the fire? Shearer stated the Club had money saved and they are replacing needed items. Shearer asked about holding practices at the Churchman Ave. location. Hannan and Marks said yes that will help save the turf. Prindle motioned to approve the signing of the Soccer Club agreement, second-Beth Berg, all-aye.

New Business Hannan stated May 5th is the official opening date for the parks and shelter rentals. The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 31st at 1pm with a raindate of April 7th. The Mayor is paying for the bunny out of his donation fund.

Mar. 12, 2012 Marks reviewed the Skate Park Risk Management report with Board Members. The documentation says something has to be done with the park either by repairing and replacing damaged equipment, or if equipment cannot be repaired then it should be closed and taken out of service. Members agreed the liability is too great and would like to move forward with the demolition of the skate park. Hannan said this has to be organized so all the demo is done on 1 day.

The Board received a request from Holy Name Alumni Association asking for a donation for a silent auction and raffle for their 3rd annual dinner/dance. After discussion Joe Prindle motioned to donate a 6-month fitness pass, second-Beth Berg, all-aye.

A request was received from Life Bridge Community asking for use of the 3 shelters in Sarah Bolton Park on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 8am-2pm and that the fees be waived. They will be partnering with B.G. Schools and St. Francis Hospital to distribute free backpacks and school supplies to children in need in the Beech Grove area. Beth Berg motioned to approve the request, second-Nikki Shearer, all-aye.

Roger Padget was present to request usage of the field at 13th and Main Streets for the Scorpions semi-pro football team. Marks stated that property belongs to the school and that he should contact the Athletic Director at the Middle School, and then the Superintendent's office.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm, motion-Joe Prindle, second-Beth Berg, all-aye.

Nikki Shearer, Secretary _____ Approved _____