

CITY OF BEECH GROVE  
MINUTES-PARK BOARD MEETING  
July 9, 2012

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:40pm by Ed Marks, Board President.

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

Guests        Mayor Buckley, Mike Jarvis.

Minutes       The minutes of the June meeting were approved as typed, motion-Joe Prindle, second-Tom Coons, all-aye.

Claims        The claims were not available.

Director's     Fitness – 3 renewed 3-month passes for \$120.00, 1 renewed 6-month pass Report        for \$80.00, 3 daily for \$15.00, total \$215.00, year-to-date \$3,410.00.

Group Exercise – 4 renewed 3-month passes for 160.00, 9 daily for \$45.00, total \$205.00, year-to-date \$2,030.00.

Senior – 1 new 3-month pass for \$55.00, 6 renewed 3-month passes for \$240.00, total \$295.00, year-to-date \$1,835.00.

Combo – 1 employee pass (school) for \$5.00, total \$5.00, year-to-date \$110.00.

Hornet Park room rental fees totaled \$1,425.00, year-to-date \$9,380.00.

12 shelters were reserved totaling \$780.00, year-to-date \$8,255.00.

Tom Hannan compiled a list of projects and cost estimates to be completed and deducted out of the budget by the end of this year. This information will be submitted to the BG Council Members. He gave the Park Board a revised summer program schedule.

The Board discussed the concert and fireworks scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. The food vendors and DJ start at 3pm and the concert is 7:30-9pm followed by the fireworks. Hannan asked if they lost any vendors? Marks

said the Lions Club is questionable but most of the other groups have responded back that they will be there.

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Tom Hannan reported the Municipal Bond did pass. The Park will get nearly half million dollars in improvements including: restoration of creek bank erosion starting at the road bridge and south to almost where the dam was located, 2 new shelters, security cameras in all parks, new playground equipment with ADA accessibility, ADA accessibility improvements at the Little League, and a restroom building.

Mayor Buckley stated the City Attorney is going to declare a Municipality Emergency for the creek project. That will allow the City to bypass all the advertising and awarding of bids saving almost 2 months. Work could begin as early as September. Marks asked if there is already a contractor involved? Mayor Buckley said an agreement should go before the BOW this next meeting. Hannan said the man who helped put the estimate together originally is an engineer with D2 Land & Water. He sells the products needed for the project and has walked through the area with Tom. He put his recommendation together for the most cost effective way to do the project and that is where we came up with the estimate. United Consulting came in and worked together with D2 Land & Water and came up with the cheapest way to get the planning and permitting done and they came up with the small engineering firm Burkhart. They are in the process of getting the permits from IDEM and DNR. Joe Prindle asked if there had been any word from the office of Andre Carson on funding for this type of project? Buckley said no.

Hannan stated the dedication of Don Challis Park will be Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm followed by a pitch-in party. The Templin family has decided they want the baseball field to be called Dick Templin Field. There will be a dedication in the spring at a high school baseball game.

Board members reviewed a letter to Frank Schwer from U of I Professor Christopher W. Schmidt regarding the cemetery in Sarah T. Bolton Park. Schmidt proposed getting a crew together using T-probes to search for headstones. Once they are found the next step is to map and figure out a plan for standing them up on the original foundations (if existing) or new foundations. Documenting graves on private property will require landowner written permission. Schmidt will get any permits requested by the DNR. Marks stated he is not excited about digging up the park. Hannan said there are no records showing where headstones should be located. He said if 2 headstones are found together he thinks the whole thing is over as far as turning it back into a cemetery, and questioned where they are legally. Mayor Buckley stated in 1956 the council did a

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resolution and made it part of the park system. So until that resolution is gone it is still under the control of the park department. Marks stated he did not want the Council to revoke it. Buckley said it is a Park Board matter. Marks said doesn't mind if they try and locate the headstones but he doesn't want them digging up the park, but if they want to erect a monument showing historical significance that's ok in his opinion. Hannan said he would think it would qualify for a historical marker, and he has already said the Park Dept. would fund a monument. Board members discussed and agreed that a monument listing the names would be the best option. Hannan said this needs to be communicated to those involved. Marks asked for a motion. Tom Coons motioned to approve step 1, locating the headstones with a T-probe, no digging, second-Cindy Montgomery, all-aye.

Mike Jarvis asked if someone could attend the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the library to brief them on the Board's decisions on the cemetery issues.

The Mayor asked Tom if he was going to mention the budget. Hannan said it will remain pretty much the same. Marks said the Board would like to review it.

The Board discussed the installation of safety caps for fences surrounding the baseball diamonds.

Hannan said the middle school is going to work on SG diamond for future usage.

The Board talked about improvements needed in the park which included adding posts for protection around the gas pumps and the air conditioner, and installing a drinking fountain, a couple of benches, and planting trees inside the dog park.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm, motion-Tom Coons, second-Cindy Montgomery, all-aye.

Tom Coons, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_