

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2012
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, March 12, 2012, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present were:

Mr. Eddy Beshears
Mr. Jerry Neel
Mr. Bud Harper
Mrs. Beth Presley

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson
Mr. Jerry Roberts, Assistant Administrator
Mr. Channon Toland, Parks Administrator
Mr. Steve Nicholls, P.G.A. Golf Professional
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Parks Administrative Secretary
Mr. Joe Mundy, Ben Geren Softball Association President
Mr. Kim Thompson, Ben Geren Softball Association Vice-President

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon by Mr. Eddy Beshears, Chairman.

Minutes of the February 13, 2012, meeting were reviewed. Bud Harper moved and Jerry Neel seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was Reports:

The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed. A total of \$24,834.51 for the Golf Course and \$252.50 for the Front Side was transferred to County Treasurer for January 2012. Channon said that the golf course had a banner month and the park took in a little revenue.

Park Administrator Report: Channon Toland

- Bids will be going out soon for park projects that have been funded for Soccer, Softball, and Tennis facilities
- Soccer: Benches (20) were shipped 3/8/12
- Tennis: Bid to resurface courts has gone out. We have a signed agreement for 2012 with Katherine Whitaker
- Disc Golf: Plan to expand course to 27 holes
- Miniature Golf: Opens next week. Maintenance staff is doing cleaning, landscaping, electrical work, and lighting and pump repairs
- Fun Grant: Work at Buckner Park is almost complete

- GIF Grant: Letter of Award was received today for soccer lighting
- Midland Park: Will be doing paving for parking and ADA access to pavilion
- Coroner's Office: Channon is assisting with landscaping
- Trails: We are in the process of putting out large boulders to help control traffic. What has been done is helping.
- Old BMX Building: We are looking at using it for running biking events and possibly disc golf events

Briefing on Golf Course Marketing: Steve Nicholls

- Greens are being aerified Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 12, 13, 14. We are offering a \$27 play 18 and ride special this week.
- The March newsletter was emailed with the play 18 and ride special for \$27
- The golf cart bid was opened. We will trade in 2007 carts.
- Yamaha will help repair seats that are wearing
- Steve attended the annual P.G.A. Seminar in Tulsa March 4-6. Golf Professionals were encouraged to interact with golfers for clinics, lessons, and events
- We are in the process of selling tee monument signs. As of today, there are three pending on Silo Hill and seven sold on Willow. Prices range from \$400 to \$750 depending on the length of the contract and which hole is selected.
- The March calendar of events is included in the packet
- Two of the full-time pro shop employees will attend a customer service seminar in Tulsa

Park Operations: Bobby Faulkner

- Soccer: Fields have been sprayed. We are replacing two water meters.
- All water in the park has been turned on
- Special Events: The March calendar was included in the packet for review

There was no other business to be brought before the board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jerry Neel moved and Bud Harper seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent
Administrative Secretary