

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2012
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, July 9, 2012, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present was:

Mr. Eddy Beshears

Mr. Jerry Neel

Mrs. Beth Presley

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson

Mr. Channon Toland, Parks Administrator

Mr. Brian Cummins, Golf Course Superintendent

Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Park Maintenance Supervisor

Mrs. Paula Vincent, Parks Administrative Secretary

Mr. Joe Mundy, Ben Geren Softball Association President

Mr. Danny Aldridge

Mr. Chad Hunter, Southwest Times Record

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

Minutes of the June 11, 2012, meeting were reviewed. Jerry Neel moved and Beth Presley 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 \$82,055 for the Golf Course, \$10,987.12 for the Front Side, and \$8,294.12 for Miniature Golf was transferred to County Treasurer for June 2012.

Other reports included in the packet for review are:

- Ben Geren Miniature Golf 2011-2012 Revenue & Expense Recap
- Softball 2007-2012 Revenue Recap
- Soccer 2007-2012 Revenue Recap
- Go-Cart 2007-2012 Revenue Recap

Park revenue is coming in from Softball and Soccer associations. Miniature Golf is doing well this year. Park has received the final check from Dan Bardin, Wanna Be Racing. We are working with the new owner to get them up and running. Golf course was pretty good last month, took a little hit from all the heat.

Beth Presley moved and Jerry Neel seconded that the financial reports be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Administrator Report: Channon Toland

- Golf Course: July calendar includes several events
- Golf Course is offering a heat of the day special

Briefing on Golf Course Marketing: Steve Nicholls (absent)

Park Operations: Bobby Faulkner

- Tennis: Court resurface and fencing are complete
- Soccer: Fencing is complete as ordered
- Softball: Field work has started; restrooms are coming along
- Mowing: Has slowed due to heat

Briefing on Golf Course Operations: Brian Cummins

- Still have grass growing; watering enough to keep green without blowing water budget

Channon presented a power point on park projects

- Storm shelter: estimate completion October
- Playground: Restroom (50/50 Grant)
- Midland: ADA parking and accessibility to trail and restrooms
- Soccer: Fencing, fields, lighting (estimate completion after 7/23)
- Softball restrooms: Flooring, partitions, fixtures
- Disc golf: Two 18-hole courses
- Tennis: Courts resurface, lights, wind screen
- Wildlife observation trail: Will be about 1 mile long
- Buckner Park: Project is complete, pavilion and playground
- Aquatics: Contracts are back from Larkin; annexation hearing will be 7/20; will annex 27.89 acres

Joe Mundy said when Ben Geren hosted the Youth State Tournament everyone was appreciative of the restroom improvements

There being no other business to come before the Board, Beth Presley moved and Jerry Neel seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent, Administrative Secretary