

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2012
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, October 15, 2012, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present was:	Absent was:
Mr. Eddy Beshears	Mr. Jerry Neel
Mrs. Beth Presley	

Others present were:
Sebastian County Judge David Hudson
Mr. Channon Toland, Parks Administrator
Mr. Steve Nicholls, P.G.A. Golf Professional
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Park 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
Ms. Wanda Freeman, Southwest Times Record

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Mr. Eddy Beshears, Chairman.

Minutes of the September 10, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved.

The first item on the agenda was Reports:

Park Administrator Report: Channon Toland

- The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed. A total of \$57,743.59 for the Golf Course, \$2,356 for the Front Side, and \$3,075.50 for Miniature Golf was transferred to County Treasurer for September 2012.
- Golf Course is getting a little busier because the weather is helping us. Rounds are down a little from last year. Miniature Golf is doing well this year. Soccer revenue will be coming in. Wanna Be Racing revenue is coming in after reopening under new management.

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

Briefing on Golf Course Marketing: Steve Nicholls

- October newsletter was sent out highlighting upcoming events

- Ladies have two events scheduled this month
- Steve continues to do Monday morning golf talk on 95.3 radio
- November 10 a par 3 tournament is scheduled for the golf course
- High school golf is done, ending with the State Tournament
- Time change is November 4
- County Judge's Tournament was October 13

Briefing on Golf Course Operations: Brian Cummins (absent)

Park Operations: Bobby Faulkner

- Softball: Have been painting bathrooms
- Tennis: Will be painting bathrooms; project is nearing completion
- Mowing: Will probably be finished this month
- Storm Shelter: Working on landscaping
- Softball: Fencing is in progress
- Disc Golf: Looking for fill material for parking lot

New Business:

The only item under new business is rescheduling November meeting due to Veterans Day Holiday on November 12. Following discussion, it is the consensus of the Board that the meeting be held on Tuesday, November 13.

Other Discussion:

- Storm Shelter: Need to move fencing so building is not enclosed in the park; total capacity is 299 people for non emergency events; open house to be determined
- EOC: Dedication is Tuesday, October 23

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent
Administrative Secretary