

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2013
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, May 13, 2013, at the Ben Geren Park Safe Shelter, 7700 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present was:

Mr. Eddy Beshears
Mr. Frank Glidewell

Absent was:

Mrs. Beth Presley
Mr. Jerry Neel

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson
Mr. Channon Toland, Parks Administrator
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Park Maintenance Supervisor
Mr. Brian Cummins, Golf Course Superintendent
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Parks Administrative Secretary
Mr. Joe Mundy, Ben Geren Softball Association President
Mr. Kim Thompson, Ben Geren Softball Association Secretary
Mr. Danny Aldridge, Sebastian County Quorum Court
Mr. Justin Bates, Southwest Times Record

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

Minutes of the April 8, 2013, meeting were reviewed.

The first item on the agenda was Reports:

Park Administrator Report: Channon Toland

- The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed. A total of \$114,994.05 for the Golf Course and \$6,869.53 for the Front Side was transferred to County Treasurer for April 2013.

Briefing on Golf Course Marketing: Steve Nicholls (absent)

- Adult clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 18
- Annual ticket sales are down from last year
- First Tee has asked for a donation of \$1 per cart rental during June. Instead, a jar will be placed in pro shop for voluntary donations

Briefing on Golf Course Operations: Brian Cummins

- Greens have been aerified and are healing

Park Operations: Bobby Faulkner

- Summer mowing has begun
- All seasonal positions have not yet been filled. One person who was hired is leaving for another job
- Dirt work still to be done around new bathrooms. It is almost dry enough to get heavy equipment in

Park Projects: Channon Toland

- Softball: Sykes has expressed an interest in donating new scoreboards. We are working with them
- Grant: Awarded from Highway Transportation Department for bridge by old BMX building
- Torraine Lake: Working with City of Fort Smith on trail easement
- Cross Country Track: UA Fort Smith is interested in having a cross country track in Ben Geren. We are talking with them. The best option seems to be to put it inside the shale fitness track. It will be a grass track and easy to maintain
- Park Facilities Grant: Power point presented on additional playground equipment options

Old Business:

There was no old business on the agenda

New Business:

There was no new business on the agenda

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent
Administrative Secretary