

The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2012
1:00PM
MUD Conference Room

In Attendance: Josh Avigael, Jennifer Paul, Gretchen Pachlhofer, Peter Gomes, Dave Anderson, Joy Hrobak, and Mary Ann Grimes

Meeting commenced at 1:00pm at the MUD Conference room with Josh Avigael presiding, and Mary Ann Grimes taking minutes.

Welcome: Josh welcomed the commission members.

Motion to approve July minutes was made and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer reported that \$8,143.37 remains from our total yearly budget of \$25,067. In addition, there remains \$8,000 in suspended Park improvements funds which carry over to the next fiscal year, and the \$5,737 in designated donations. There was some question regarding the accuracy of the amount paid for mowing and cleaning expenses for the most recent billing cycle. Jennifer will check with Chris Redd regarding both expenses to see why the bill was higher than expected. Jennifer also noted the water bill for July was \$ 462.39, our highest water bill to date. It has been determined that the bill is a direct result of water slides being used at parties. A motion to approve the budget report was made and all present voted in favor.

Old Business

- **New Commission Members:** Joy mentioned that Gale Oberta is interested in joining the Park Commission. A short bio submitted to the BOA will be requested prior to approval. We all hope to see her at our meetings soon.
- **Hills Fest:** Josh spoke with Angie Thielmans (POA), who reported that everything is coming along well planning the event. Suzy was not present at meeting to present the latest update.
- **Water Fountains:** Water fountains still need to be repaired. Cooper's plumbing is calling the fountain manufacturer to arrange to have an authorized dealer look at repairs needing to be done with the refrigeration.
- **Budget for 2013-** Use donations for capital improvement first. Josh will attend a joint meeting with the BOA on August 28th to discuss our future budget and expenses.

- o **Playing field and other projects:** Jennifer has contacted two contractors, Keith Pendelton with Pendelton Excavation, and Scott Sneed with Alpha Paving. Both were recommendations by Jerry Schmeil who runs the road committee in The Hills. She has arranged to meet with both contractors for estimates for leveling the playing field. Reports should be available at the next meeting. Suzy is looking into getting an estimate for shades for the playscapes, but meanwhile Josh said that he estimated one shade would be between \$3,000 -\$4,000. Josh is also looking for a replacement trash can part for the one that is missing in the park. He will possibly be able to get one through the Park Catalog. Josh is also looking at ongoing maintenance items as future projects. Plus, he is working on getting an estimate for resurfacing the basketball court. Josh suggested that we set a four month horizon to gather data before beginning any project.

Public Forum, Comment, and Other business to come before the Commission:

- o It was noted that a water slide party was held recently at The Park. The MUD has put a "No Use" restriction on water slides at The Park. Chris is checking to see if the park renters had booked the party prior to the new rule being added to the park rental contract. Any violation to this rule will result in loss of the security deposit required to book the pavilion for an event. There was also discussion or raising the refundable park rental deposit to \$200-\$300.

Next meeting will be **September 11, 2012 1:00pm**

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM



Josh Avigael, Chair for The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission



Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary