

**The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**In attendance:** Rick Zehrer, Josh Avigael, Robert Smith, Betty Ann Courtney, Jane Hines, Bruce Warmuth, Diane Thompson, Adrienne Peters, Scott Feil, and Mary Ann Grimes

Meeting commenced at 1pm with Rick Zehrer presiding as Chair and Mary Ann Grimes taking minutes.

**January minutes approved and signed.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Josh reported the following expenditures paid for the month of January: \$160 for cleaning contract, \$18 for tether ball repair, \$149.10 for the plaque repair/replacement, \$416 for water, and \$46 for two months of electricity.

**Old Business**

- **Water Spigot:** Scott reported that Brent has not been available to complete the repairs to the wall surrounding the water spigot. The job remains uncompleted. Scott will find someone else to finish the job.
- **Par Course:** Rick has contacted Kim Hall, a resident of The Hills and athletic trainer, to consult on this project and she has gladly volunteered to help. Kim has experience on how the actual stations should be assembled and what types of exercise equipment would be needed. The Lakeway City Park has recently used her as a consultant for their own par course project. The commission plans to use simple, inexpensive, and natural materials so that it blends in with the natural setting of the trail. Research on type of material and cost will be done so that we will be ready to begin by early spring.
- **Donor Plaque:** This project has been completed and several comments have been made by residents that it looks great.
- **Tripping Hazard:** Most of the work has been done but Scott is waiting for warmer and dryer weather to complete the final step of this job.
- **Park Road:** At this time, the park road and parking lot are due for re-graveling. The commission has been in contact with Dan from the MUD office and the POA to discuss the possibilities of paving the road and parking lot with concrete to coincide with the scheduled repaving of The Hills roads. Funding and timing are a determining factor in how the commission will proceed. \* Note: Post meeting the commission voted by electronic mail to proceed with re-graveling these areas. The estimate for paving with concrete came in at \$17,386 and would last for an estimated 10-12 years. The cost of granite is \$2,400 and should last for 2-3 years. Granite was last applied in 2007. Vendor recommends using 1" decomposed

granite, as opposed to the current ½” size, which will take more wear and tear and should last longer. Chris Redd will submit invoice for completed work to BoA to approve payment.

### **New Business**

- **New friend of The Park:** Resident Jeanie Murff, a volunteer with the Lady Bird Wildflower Center, has contacted Diane about sharing her plants with The Park. She is interested in giving The Park plants that she has collected and placing them around the trail. Diane will work with Jeanie on this.
- **Path from Autumn Oaks to The Park:** It has been brought to the attention of the commission that the common area located at Autumn Oaks end of The Park has become an unofficial path of egress for neighbors. Keith Tilley, who owns one of the two lots that are affected by this new path, has residents regularly cutting across is front yard. The common area has a drainage ditch through the middle of it. It has been suggested that something be done to re-route people entering and exiting The Park and to include some sort of beautification aspect to enhance this area. Dan from the MUD office as well as the BoA will have to be consulted since this is a common area and falls under their jurisdiction. Park members will be glad to help in any way.

**Other items to come before The Commission:** Discussion about trash day and removal of trash cans from the entry of The Park came up for discussion. Josh currently takes the trash cans back to The Park after the trash has been picked up. Because he is not always available, he will send out an email to the commission to let us know when he needs another commission member to do this job. Another discussion took place regarding the Park Rules signage. The current sign is fading and needs to be updated adding our new rules. Rick will check with Stokes to get an estimate.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.**

Next meeting to take place March 9, 2010 at 1:00pm.

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Rick Zehrer, Chair for The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission

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Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary