

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING – Tuesday, February 10, 2015

In attendance: Eric Ovlen, Gary Weldon, Steve Pavlas, Pattye Ward, Janis Clements, Robert Smith (BOA Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Eric Ovlen, Chair.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Pavlas presented the January budget entries and the year to date report. All monthly items were discussed and accounted for in the annual spreadsheet. After contacting the company and speaking with Alma Wood, the extra charges from November and December have been accounted for. It was discussed that the committee needs to contact Melvin Williams. Melvin often directs the contract crew to do various park maintenance tasks. The parks committee should be aware of any extra maintenance in the future.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Old Business

Resurfacing of the playing court: Steve reported that the resurfacing of the court was on schedule to be resurfaced starting Monday, February the 16th. Gary, Steve, and Eric plan to remove the court hoops on Sunday evening at 4:30 in order to prevent court use during the week. Additionally, Steve plans to re-attach the hoops on Saturday morning after completion of the project.

Large Slide Replacement: Eric Ovlen led the discussion on where the slide replacement project stands. One of the main concerns was how fast the slide could be replaced. The hills park commission needs approval of funding in order to proceed. Robert Smith will ask the Board of Alderman to approve the funds to replace the slide.

Commision Members: The committee is still waiting for approval for Grace Plummer to join the team. It was discussed that there is a need to have a full panel of 9 in order to operate effectively. Eric brought several names of potential committee members. He will follow up with the committee on any interest.

New Business

Administrative Information-workshop follow-up: After meeting in the park to discuss potential projects, Eric highlighted where we should take our first steps. The committee agreed that the storage room should be purged and have an accurate inventory taken. After evaluating the inventory, the committee will decide if extra shelving is needed. Gary would like to invite a local boy scout squad to

come assist with the heavy lifting. Concern over the restrooms being unlocked in the evening was addressed. The committee agreed that the combination of the locks to the restrooms should be known to all in the committee for maintenance purposes.

Park Use & Facilities Hearing: Eric suggested to the group that we should find a way to solicit interest and ideas from the community. Friends to the Park is one of these ideas. After discussing how to reach out to the community, it was decided that we would leverage an upcoming event. Dennis McWilliams is in the process of setting up a large event in the park. The committee agreed that the event would be a perfect opportunity to set up a booth and seek park support. Eric plans to speak with Dennis and see if an arrangement can be made. In addition to this event, the committee discussed how to maximize attendance at the Hillsfest later this year.

Park Program Ideas: Eric suggested that we allow a volunteer to be an event chair. Brittany Barnett was mentioned as a perfect person for the job. The committee brainstormed on other potential events that could be organized throughout the year. One idea was a Jam Fest where we would gather local musician talent and allow them to have a fun night with other residents. Another idea was to have a movie night on a summer evening.

Rough Calendar: All members briefly looked at their calendars to schedule a storage room purge/inventory day. It was decided that March 14th would be the best day to play clean up. The group also looked at potential dates for Hillsfest in October. It appeared the Oct. 11th or Oct 18th would create the best attendance. To ensure less event competition, several members plan to investigate other known events in the community. The plan is to select a date that does not interfere with another local event.

Communications: Eric introduced the idea that the parks commission needs to have better channels of communication to reach to resident population. Currently, the POA office is used to send out group emails. No tasks were assigned at this time and the committee plans to discuss further on future meetings.

Maintenance/Capital Projects: Due to meeting time constraints, these topics were not fully discussed at the meeting. The committee plans to revisit these topics at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

With agenda business concluded, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Pavlas

