

The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

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

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

December minutes approved.

Treasures Report: Josh reported a total of \$525 was paid in December for maintenance and utilities.

Old Business

- **Water spigot on restroom wall:** Scott reported that there is still some masonry work needed for the job to be completed. This work will involve cutting a few pieces of stone which will be placed and cemented into the open space in the exterior wall. He is still waiting on an estimate for the job.
- **Par course:** This project is still on the table for this fiscal year. We will begin to look for landscape ties and get their approximate cost for the job.
- **Tether ball:** Since someone continues to vandalize the tether ball, the commission has decided to wait until possibly springtime to replace the ball. The ball has been replaced several times to date with the last replacement securing the ball by a wire type rope. Most recently the vandal cut the wire and stole the ball. The Constable has been notified and will continue to monitor the Park.
- **Donor plaque:** This project is near completion. The granite company is scheduled to re-drill the hole in the granite wall so that the plaque may be installed.

New Business

- **New “Friend of the Park”:** Keith Tilly had expressed his interest in our park and has kindly volunteered to help on projects. He will become the latest addition to the “Friends of the Park.”
- **Condition of Park road:** There have been reports of golf carts driving on the park path. Not only is it against the rules of the park but it also causes damage to the trail. Some repairs were made by Rick who raked the gravel over ruts made by golf carts. Since the last big rain we have needed to repair the road and parking lot areas of the Park. The commission has decided to order more decomposed granite for this repair. In the past, Dan Roark at the MUD office

had taken care of ordering the gravel. It is believed that the last order was for 11 truckloads of granite which was enough for the trail, the parking lot and road. We currently have \$1,000 in the budget dedicated to trail/parking lot maintenance. Robert will contact Dan about ordering the granite.

- **Tripping hazard:** A resident reported a tripping hazard to the entrance of the restroom building. Scott will make the necessary repairs.
- **Cold weather plan:** Due to recent plumbing problems which were a result of the latest extreme and lengthy cold weather, a new cold weather plan will now be in effect. Once we are aware of upcoming freezing temperatures, the plan will be to cut off the main water valve and empty the pipes by running the water and flushing the toilets.
- **Action Plan for 2010:** The following items will be addressed throughout the current fiscal year: par course, tether ball, leveling the playing field, fund raising, and maintenance issues that arise. Currently we do not have enough funds to complete leveling the playing field. Jason Guidreau from the Hills Club has consulted us on this project and has volunteered to help in whatever capacity that he can. We will be spending most of our budget on maintaining the Park and past projects.
- **Annual POA meeting:** This meeting is scheduled for January 21st, 2010. Rick will be speaking on behalf of the commission at this event. Items to be addressed are maintenance issues, recognizing the original donors who started the park, golf cart violations, a focus on the nature trail part of the park, and reminders on the importance of picking up pet waste.

Other Business to come before the Commission: The toilets are leaking since the last freeze. Chris has called the plumbers to make repairs. Welcome Betty Ann Courtney to the commission!

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 9th, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm

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

Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary