

The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2010

In Attendance: Rick Zehrer, Scott Feil, Adrienne Peters, Josh Avigael, Bruce Warmuth, Jane Hines, Robert Smith, Diane Thompson, Angie Thielemans, and Mary Ann Grimes.

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

May Minutes approved and signed.

Treasurer's Report: New landscaping was added during June/July totaling \$564.32 leaving us with a remainder of \$435 for the rest of the fiscal year. Currently we have enough funds for the par course project which may be paid out of the gift funds. \$900 remains for mulch, plant replacement and stone repair. Florentino, who does the park landscaping maintenance, is also to include mulching and pruning in his contract which leaves us more monies for landscape improvements. It was agreed that Diane would add to the Butterfly Garden from remaining funds. The annual Ice Cream Social has \$1500 allocated to this event, some of which will be paid out of the current budget and some out of the next fiscal budget because the event overlaps the two fiscal years. It was suggested that we might consider adding some security cameras to the park. Since we are approaching the end of our fiscal year, the park commission needs to prepare next year's estimated budget for park expenditures. Also, we still need clarification on who is paying for the "path to the park" project since the BOA is involved. The BoA has voted on a plan which starts with clearing the path area. Rick will be in contact with the BoA, Dan from the MUD and The Park Commission members. Bruce Warmuth who is on the BoA will keep us posted. Ron Dodd's State Farm Agency generously donated \$500 to The Park

Old Business

- **Par Course and sandbox:** The Halls provided The Commission with an estimate for the materials to complete these projects (\$733), the par course designs, volunteered to purchase the materials on behalf of the commission, and help assemble the project this fall. It was voted unanimously to approve the project and budget.
- **Leveling the playing field:** Jason from The Hills CC was able to come out do the "test holes" today. He confirmed that there were no major stumbling blocks in the field to prevent us from pursuing this project. It is planned to get 2 to 3 bulldozer

estimates and let Jason talk to them about what needs to be done. Also, Dan from MUD may be able to give us an idea as to how much we may need to fund this project for the 2011 budget. Currently the plan is to bulldoze the area, add soil, grass seed and water. Scott volunteered to speak with Dan about this.

- **Path from Autumn Oaks to Park:** Diane has gone out with 2 different landscapers to get estimates from Landscape Resources which was about \$10,000 and Sunshine \$4,300. MUD will remove the salt cedars and stone the ditch. The two adjacent homeowners are concerned about screening landscaping in the area. Currently there is no irrigation 3/4th of the way back and the neighboring property owners have volunteered to irrigate the new plants.

New Business

- **Replacement on Commission for Adrienne Peters:** Unfortunately, the commission will be losing Adrienne who is moving. It was also brought to our attention that Jane is also moving and will be leaving the commission as well. The commission will need to start looking for residents of The Hills to replace these two wonderful volunteers.
- **Ice Cream Social & POA Potluck:** Angie Thielemans from the POA attended our meeting to offer the coordinate efforts and funding for the ICS. Angie would like to have more events to promote community in our neighborhood. It was suggested that we expand/change the ICS and create a fall themed event which would include hay rides, a pumpkin patch, and food. Betty Ann Courtney was nominated to lead this event for the commission this year.

Other Business: none

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Next meeting will be August 10th at 1pm.

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

Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary

