

**The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Rick Zehrer, Bruce Warmuth, Diane Thompson, Dwyce Ratliff, Jane Hines, Josh Avigael, Scott Feil, Robert Dodd, Adrienne Peters, 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:** Village of the Hills Park Budget 2008-2209 was handed out by Dwyce. Report reflected current remaining funds for each specific category. Total remaining funds are \$10,553.67 from now through the remaining fiscal year ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Report attached.

**Old Business**

- **Rock climbing wall landscaping:** We now have two bids. Josh got a bid for \$235 which includes 9-10, 3 gallon Mexican feather grass plants, cleaning area, planting, and mulch. Soil will be \$20 extra. He was asked to check into getting a quote for 1 gallon plants. Plants will come with a 6 months warranty. This project is tax exempt.
- **Rock repositioning:** It has been decided to leave the rocks where they are for now.
- **Mulch:** The free mulch has been delivered
- **Pile of brush needing removal:** The tree looks okay and will remain untouched. Scott and Rick will move the pile of brush.
- **Tetherball status:** Scott will check on this as the ball still needs replacing.

**New Business**

- **Lakeway July 4<sup>th</sup> parade participation:** Rick asked if The Commission member were interested in having a float in the Lakeway 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. None of the members were in favor of this and the offer was turned down.
- 1. **Fund raisers:** Members were asked to think of a type of fundraiser to raise some money for park projects. The last golf tournament fund raiser, approximately 3 years ago, brought in \$30,000 which included a \$10,000 donation. The Hills Club also helped out a lot. It was suggested that we come up with something less involved and a newer, fresher idea. Rick suggested that we raffle a car like the Rotary Club does. Diane suggested that we raffle a golf cart. It was noted that the Ice Cream Social, despite being a fund raiser, would not generate enough money.
- **Firm up "wish list":**

1. Line the butterfly garden with a decorative rock border.
2. Add grill at the pavilion. Josh reported that he could get an additional charcoal grill for \$300-\$500. It would be larger than the one we have in place already and would most likely get a lot of use.
3. Fitness Trail agenda needs to be explored more. The plan is to have 4 to 5 stations set up around the trail that would be simple to install and maintenance free. We could expect to pay around \$200-\$250 for this project.
4. Salt Cedar removal could be done with the help of at least 2 people and about 1 ½ hours of work. A chain saw could be rented and would not affect the budget much.
5. Chin-up bar at the playscape: Scott and Josh will check on status and repair if necessary.
6. Leveling the playing field: Rick will check with Jason on the cost of this project. Jason has offered to help free of charge. Questions to explore would be whether or not we would have to replace the irrigation system.
7. Frisbee golf was added to the list of possibilities.

**Other business to come before the Commission:** Bruce Warmuth has decided to step down from The Park Commission and Diane Thompson nominated Adrienne Peters as her replacement. The Board of Aldermen is responsible for approving nominees to The Park Commission. Bruce who is also a member of the BOA will replace Ron Dodd, our current liaison, between the BOA and The Park and Nature Trail Commission. \* Please note that Adrienne Peters was approved as a member of The Commission subsequent to this meeting.

Ron will report to The Commission what the BOA approves for The Park and Common Areas budget for the next fiscal year in a future meeting.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Next meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

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

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Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary