

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING – Tuesday, June 9, 2015

In attendance: Gary Weldon, Pattye Ward, Steve Pavlas, Pat Zepp, Jim Morter and Robert Smith (BOA Liaison). Also present were guests: Dan Roark, General Manager of Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District and the Village Administrator of the Village of The Hills; and Earl Wood, District Manager of Hurst Creek M.U.D.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Gary Weldon, Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Pattye and seconded by Steve to approve the minutes from May 12, 2015. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Because of our guests, Dan Roark and Earl Wood attending by request of the Lakeway Mayor, Gary asked that they give their presentation before we dealt with the rest of the agenda. Their presentation informed the Commission of the three water options for the park. We currently use treated water (Option 1) for all park water needs. The base rate is 2.43 cents per thousand gallons and has a stepped increase based on usage. The second option would be untreated lake water at a cost of 1.52 cents per 1000 gallons. Option 3 is effluent (or recycled, treated) water and the cost is 1.44 cents per thousand. In order to make a change to either Option 2 or 3 the upfront cost would be approximately 25-30 thousand dollars. Of that approximately \$15,000 buys the equipment and the rest would be labor. We currently budget and spend \$2400-\$3000 annually on water in the park. We would save about 40% of that per annum with either of the latter options. Neither Mr. Roark nor Mr. Wood could tell us what other parks in our area were using. It was discussed that a change to either of the options presented would take more than 10 years to recoup the cost of the installation, but that there are other benefits to the general community in retaining more of the drinking water for residential consumption as well as reduction in electrical and chemical usage. It was discussed that while the Park Commission had a say in this decision the cost and impact would warrant consideration by The Hills Board of Alderman.

Steve moved to postpone any further discussion or decision on water until the next meeting and Jim seconded. This delay was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Steve's report showed us as he put it, "the satellite view is good, but individual categories may need some updating." Steve will get exact dollar amount approved for the replacement of the damaged slide and add that to the budget before next month. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Jim and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

Large Slide Replacement: Gary reported that Linda Lunney emailed that the slide is scheduled to be replaced this week.

Hills Fest: October 18th 1-4pm is still the date and time.

New Business

Maintenance: Gary led a brief discussion of needs and issues. Gary will email Linda to get a copy of the contract to see if tree trimming and leaf pick up is part of the contract. Jim and Pat will connect to see that the dumpsters are replaced to their storage location each Tuesday morning.

Picnic & Music in the Park: Discussion of a music event with the ukulele group was held with no decision other than to research other groups. There were concerns about getting folks interested in sitting outside during the heat of the evening.

Next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 9:00 am at MUD Conference Room

Adjournment With agenda business concluded, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:58am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Zepp

