

**The Hills Park and Nature Trail  
Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2010**

**In Attendance:** Rick Zehrer, Robert Smith, Bruce Warmuth, Betty Ann Courtney, Jane Hines, Diane Thompson and Mary Ann Grimes

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

February minutes approved and signed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Josh reporting via email that we paid 2 bills this past month; \$700 toward landscaping covering both Jan. and Feb. and \$200 for cleaning. The bill for the gravel and plumbing will be paid at the end of the month. Rick commented that the gravel was an unexpected expense this year but this gravel job should last longer than the 2-2 ½ years that the last application lasted.

**Old Business**

- **Water Spigot:** This job has been completed and was included as part of the gravel job to The Park's road and parking lot areas.
- **Par Course:** Rick has been in contact with Kim Hall who has offered to be a consultant to the project. He also submitted several examples of different types of par course stations. We are expecting to build approximately 5 or 6 stations throughout the trail.
- **Tripping Hazard:** Scott is still working on this project and waiting for dryer weather to proceed.
- **Path from Autumn Oaks to Park:** A meeting is to be scheduled with Dan from the MUD office, the residents, and a park commission representative to discuss further plans.
- **New "Park Rules" sign:** "Park Rules" sign and the "No golf cart sign" have been replaced with newer, updated signage.

**New Business**

- **Plan for cold weather protection of water system:** We are waiting on an estimate from Coopers Plumbing for the cost of having them come out to perform preventative steps which will protect the pipes and plumbing fixtures from damage due to extreme freezes during the winter months.
- **Gravel under berm slide:** Rick and Scott will pick-ax the gravel in this area as it tends to become compacted with use and can become a safety issue. They will also add additional gravel if needed.

**Other Business**

- **Nature Guide:** Betty Ann Courtney volunteered to make a nature guide for The Park which could be either printed or added to the community website as a resource tool to our park.
- **Sand Box:** Betty Ann Courtney brought up the idea of adding a sand box to The Park and suggested that we could solicit the help of a local Boy Scout troop to do this project. This project would not be expensive and could be made with boards and plastic liner and sand. It was also mentioned that we could do this project at the same time as the par course and that we could possibly get some high schools students to help since they are required to have volunteer hours to graduate.
- **Leveling the Playing Field:** Jason Gaudreau, who works for The Hills Club, has volunteered to bore some holes into the ground to see what is under the playing field. He will then give us an idea of what he thinks it will cost to level the field for a sports/game area.
- **History of The Park:** We would like to define the date that The Park became official. We do know that it was established sometime in the year 2000.
- **Covered Dish Event:** Robert mentioned that the POA has received a request for an adult covered dish event to be held at The Park. The Park Commission may be a “sponsor.”

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm

Next meeting to be held April 13, 2010 at 1pm

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

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Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary