

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – March 12, 2013

The March meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm, Tuesday March 12, 2013 by Chairman Josh.

In attendance: Lynn, Peter, Gail, Dave (by phone), Suzy (by phone), Joy

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular February meeting and the special called meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Gail, seconded by Peter, to approve. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Lynn reviewed the current Treasurer's report. She noted two items over budget for the month: electricity, which included two billing cycles; dog wastes, which was slightly over budget until we receive and install the new dog waste container post. It was also noted that the water expense reflects the additional sprinkler running time for the field work and the current sprinkler regular cycles of twice a week for 10 minutes each.

Motion by Peter, seconded by Dave, to approve. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Terms of appointments for Commission members: Josh reviewed the fact that all terms, including filling vacancies mid-term, run from January to December. He noted that 3 current members will likely not continue beyond the current term. One potential new member has been identified. Joy suggested a notice be included in the next newsletter to solicit potential members.

Trash can replacements: Josh noted that trash cans need to be replaced in both bathrooms. Gail volunteered to purchase them.

Field update: Josh reviewed a written report from Jennifer. The contact with Melvin Williams has been fully executed and work has begun. The field is currently being watered on a regular basis to field assist with the grading work. During the initial phase Melvin noted and repaired two broken sprinkler heads as well as some problems with the system motherboard. All repairs were completed for a total additional cost of \$245, which will be charged as an irrigation expense. Field excavation is set to begin by April 1.

New Business:

Josh made the Commission members aware of a number of possible projects for park improvement which may be done during the current year if it appears that funds will be available in the current budget, or should be considered for 2014. These include:

The rock creek area: Josh noted that the rocks have migrated and either need to be relocated or possibly rework the rock creek area.

Climbing wall: Josh noted the wood is warping and breaking and presents an ongoing maintenance issue. The wall could be repaired, replaced, or removed.

Pea gravel at the large slide: Josh noted that much of the gravel has eroded. Joy suggested that we ask Melvin if he could replace the gravel in the context of his current project and, if not, Gail will get bids from the approved contractor .

Wood at large slide: Josh noted it has warped and bowed and needs to be replaced. Lynn will secure a bid on replacement.

Mulch at picnic table by the slide: Josh noted that the mulch is significantly eroded. The Commission members will determine if it needs to be replaced at a future meeting.

Dog park: Gail asked if any consideration has been given to creating an off-leash dog park at the park. Josh noted this had been discussed at meetings in the past but no action was taken. This will go on the list for possible 2014 projects. The Commission will solicit homeowner feedback on this and a variety of projects to establish the 2014 capital improvement budget/plan.

Adjournment:

Lynn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectively submitted, Gail Oberta, Acting Secretary

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