

The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 10th, 2011

In Attendance: Scott Feil, Josh Avigael, Rick Zehrer, Bruce Warmuth, Jennifer Paul, Gretchen Pachlhofer, Peter Gomes, Betty Ann Courtney ,Suzy Aubert, Dave Anderson(via cell phone) and Mary Ann Grimes

Meeting commenced at 1pm at The MUD Conference room with Scott Feil presiding and Mary Ann Grimes taking minutes.

Welcome: Scott Feil welcomed the commission members.

Motion to approve April minutes was made and they were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Josh reported that the bills for the water fountain repair, \$2260.99, and the grinder pump replacement, \$1850.00 were paid. Some of the funds allocated to the Nature Trail gravel replacement line item were used to cover these expenses. We are however still in good shape for this fiscal year. A motion to approve the report was made and approved unanimously.

Old Business

- **For Discussion/Update**
 - **Coordination with MUD for Bobcat-must be scheduled during the week.**
 - **Rocks**
 - **Old buried carpet-**Scott will meet with MUD to have the carpet and rocks moved next week.
 - **Update:** Josh spoke with Florentino about removing the leaves that we raked up during the clean-up day last month. Florentino removed those leaves plus about 75% more. He will continue to remove leaves as he comes back during his regular scheduled visits. Jennifer Paul reported that the dead rosemary bush is being removed and that it will be replaced sometime in the fall. Also, she mentioned that the signs that identify the various plants around the trail are being pulled up and moved and some seem to be eaten by some animal. She has picked up 3 of the signs that have damage or were moved. We discussed possibility of replacing the signs unless this becomes a reoccurring problem and expense.
 - **Review of those commission members completing Open Meeting training and certification:** Scott reminded the commission member to please complete the online training for Open Meeting training for those members who have not yet done so.
- **For Decision :** None

New Business

- **For Discussion:** Scott, Rick and Josh have met at the park to check on the repairs needed to the timbers around the playscape areas. They are going to determine whether we need to build a new boarder around the area or if repairing the existing one will suffice. Scott will find out who can do the repair/replacement and start by consulting with MUD, The Village landscape contractor GTL, Perfect Cuts, and the company who originally installed the playscape for ideas and estimates.
- **Discussion continued:** Scott mentioned that we need to start thinking about the next Ice Cream Social this fall. We need to pick a chairman from among the commission members to take on this project. Please consider volunteering for this position. We will be using funds from only The Park budget this year going back to our original venue. Also, we will want to involve our “Friends of The Park.”
- **For Decision**
 - **Welcome and nomination of Gretchen Pachlhofer to the commission:** Gretchen was welcomed and a motion was made to nominate her for approval by the BOA and the Mayor. The motion was approved. A note was made that Bruce still needs a copy of Gretchen’s bio. Scott will make sure to send that to Bruce before the BOA’s next meeting.
 - **Bid farewell to Rick Zehrer, Chairman Emeritus, who departs for Board of Aldermen:** The commission bid farewell to Rick for his past 5 ½ years of service to the commission. Suzy brought goodies to share with the commission members in honor of his farewell. Thank you Rick for all you have done for the Park and the community! You have done a great job!
 - **Public Forum, Comment, and Other business to come before the Commission:** Suzy brought up that there were daddy long legs spiders in the restrooms at the park. Mary Ann will spray for bugs.

Next meeting will be **June 14th, 1PM**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Scott Feil, Chair for The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission

Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary