

The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2010

In Attendance: Rick Zehrer, Josh Avigael, Bruce Warmuth, Robert Smith, Diane Thompson, Suzy Aubert, Betty Ann Courtney, and Mary Ann Grimes

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

August minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Warmuth, our liaison from the POA, reported that the park budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was approved at a total of \$24,480. Josh noted that \$6,000 of next year's budget is allocated to granite replacement for the path and parking lot. It is also estimated that our mowing and cleaning expenses will be slightly higher this coming year and additional funds have been added to this category. Josh reported that we have paid our standard bills this month and there is \$4,322.98 remaining in the 2009-2010 park funds. From this amount \$920 will go to the Hills Fest. Also, a portion of the remaining \$800 of the vandalism fund will go the cost of repairs to the sign at the main entrance. \$900 remains in the plant replacement fund and will go to replacing dead plants in the Butterfly Garden as well as a rock border. Supplies for the soccer goals and par course project will also be paid out of remaining funds. Items for this project will be purchased by the end of this month. Now that we have budget approval, Josh will issue a final line item copy of expenses for 2010-2011.

Old Business

- **Leveling the playing field:** Rick asked Melvin Williams for a second opinion on the cost of leveling the playing field. He believes that the cost may be more expensive than we thought. It was also suggested that we would need to replace the sprinkler system currently in place. Plans are to get 2 to 3 estimates from various contractors.
- **Cover for playscape:** Josh is still looking into a cover. He has done some research already but not found an affordable solution. He will call Serene Elementary to see where their cover was purchased.
- **Par Course and sandbox:** Rick to purchase the supplies this month and to coordinate with the Halls for a set up date. Suzy suggested that we would need some sort of cover for the sandbox to keep animals from using it as a litter box. Because of health concerns, the idea of adding a sandbox has been put on the back burner until we find a solution.
- **Hills Fest:** Betty Ann reported plans for the Hill's Fest, scheduled for October 24th is moving along well. A map of the fest layout was passed around. Games 2U will provide a video theatre, laser tag, hamster ball, and GaGa ball. Also, a

band has been scheduled and a bounce house. Betty Ann asked that we contact our friends to volunteer during the event. Also, the duration of Hills Fest has been extended by 1 hour and will now be a 3 hour event during which we will serve hot dogs and ice cream.

New Business

- **Insects in the Park:** A pest control man came out to meet with Rick at the park. He reported that there was a beetle infestation in the trees and playscape area. He said that there was nothing to do since they were harmless. The beetles left after about a week.
- **Sign at entrance to the Park:** The letters have been bolted and glued and project completed. Diane commented that the sign looks great!
- **Trash can return:** There was a complaint from a homeowner about the Park trash cans being out past Monday night on garbage collection day. Josh usually brings the cans back in on Tuesday morning. The trash is usually collected late on Monday and since there is no official person assigned to take the cans back to the pavilion/storage area, Josh has volunteered to help do this job. He can however, only do so when he is available. It was noted that anyone from the neighborhood is welcome to help out by taking the cans in themselves.
- **Security lights over the bathroom entrance:** Scott was not present to provide a report. The motion detector lights were reportedly not working. Rick will check on the lights.

Other Business: Welcome to Suzy Aubert our newly installed member! Rick will be stepping down as Park Chair and will need to be replaced. Rick will ask Scott if he will fill the position.

Next meeting will be October 12th, 1PM

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM

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

Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary