

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING--Monday, April 11, 2016

In attendance: Gary Weldon, Pattye Ward, Pat Zepp, Jim Morter, Allan Hitchcock, Joe Middlebrook, Dan Kelley, Pam Ovlen, Robert Smith (BOA Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 3:58 p.m. by Gary Weldon, Chair

Minutes

A motion was moved by Pat and seconded by Joe to approve the minutes from March 14, 2016. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Pat reported 2 unplanned expenses--\$11.94 for soap for the restrooms and \$2136.88 for a new septic pump.

A motion was made by Allan, seconded by Pattye and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Old Business

Park permit process

Robert will check to see if the permit has been approved by the BOA. He also suggested this is a good time to get word out about it since the new website is being piloted now. Jim will send the document to Gary in Word, which Gary will forward to Megan.

Commission members

Any commission members who have a suggestion for the unfilled position can send their suggestions to Gary by May 1 for review by the group.

Park walk through

Pat reported that the hose problem has been resolved and the light bulbs have been replaced. The internal garbage can insert in the can by the basketball court is missing, which is why the bags didn't fit. Pat has told Linda about it. Meanwhile, Pat will move that can to the storage closet.

Dan got a quote from Mainstream Painting. It was \$3637.20 with tax for the fascia, pavilion and restrooms and \$909.30 with tax for the playground. Robert and Pat will check for names of 2 other painting companies, which they will send to Gary. Gary will also check with Warren Chirhart for suggestions. Pat suggested that it would be good to get it done before HillsFest, and that is also the start of the new budget.

Jim has met with Melvin, and they have a plan to fix the landing for the slide. They are waiting to hear back from Florentino, who can do the work. Robert suggested that the office staff can get hold of him.

New Business

Dog Park

Pam, Joe, Pat and Jim will look at ideas for placement of an off leash area. Robert said funding for park improvements like this have often been paid for by fundraisers.

HillsFest

Allan has a verbal commitment from Papa Murphy's. Pattye asked that everyone work on getting sponsors for \$300 each. She will send a list of the businesses we have contacted before as well as a list of what the sponsors receive for the \$300.

JazzFest

A \$500 check has been signed for the band. A second check for \$500 will be given to the Peterson brothers when they are here. Jason White, co-owner of the Brass House, will sponsor the event by providing the sound equipment. In exchange we will allow him to advertise his business.

The LTHS jazz band will be away at a band competition. Gary suggested getting their schedule earlier next year, as it would be good to have a local band involved.

Jason is working on getting a jazz vocalist, who would perform for the first 45 minutes. The Peterson Brothers would then play from 5-6, followed by the Boss Street Jazz Band.

Eric Ovlen and Gary will meet with Jason next Monday. Anyone else on the commission who would like to join is welcome. As Jason and his business partner are veterans, Gary mentioned that it would be nice to tie in veterans in some way.

For advertising, Angie is sending out an email blast. We will also distribute 1000 flyers to mailboxes. Pat drew up the areas for each of us to cover. Three banners at a cost of \$300 will be ready tomorrow at Stokes. Joe volunteered to pick them up and install them.

Pattye asked for \$200 for decorations. Gary has asked Linda to have the park sprayed for mosquitoes and fire ants. Gary will follow up on the guard for the elementary school parking lot. Robert said, to block off the park, the MUD might have barriers. Gary will ask Earl.

On the day of the event, the commission members will wear hats, supplied by either Pattye or Amy Weldon. We will need volunteers to move the tables out of the pavilion. We will need the basketball court roped off, as well as areas for chairs and blankets. We will need 2 tables for CD sales. Amy Weldon will supply ice water, Jim will man the entrance to the park, and Pam will put out dog water bowls. Gary will see if he can find someone to sponsor a bus to drive through the Hills to transport people to and from the park.

Next meeting

There will be a mini meeting of the park commission on Tuesday, April 19th at 5:00 at The Hills clubhouse. We will also get our flyers to distribute then.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Joe and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joe", written in a cursive style.