

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING--Monday, June 13, 2016

In attendance: Gary Weldon, Pat Zepp, Pattye Ward, Joe Middlebrook, Dan Kelley, Pam Ovlen, Robert Smith, BOA Liaison, Eric Ovlen, BOA Mayor, Michelle Chang, Youth Advisory Commission Chair

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Gary Weldon, Chair.

Minutes

It was moved by Joe, seconded by Pattye and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from the May 9 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Pat reported that we are over budget on trash bags and soap. To help with this, Pat will tell the cleaners to put spare trash bags under rather than on each canister. She suggested that we increase the budget for these items in next year's budget.

Other items included the BOA's approval of a backup grinder, which they will pay for. Also, we were \$640.12 over budget for the JazzFest.

The new budget starts on October 1, 2016. Robert reported that the BOA wants our preliminary budget for next year by July 12, 2016.

It was moved by Pattye, seconded by Pam, and unanimously passed to approve the report.

Old Business

We have completed the permit process, and it is up and running on the website.

The rules sign is being made today and will be installed in the planter area on the left as one enters the park driveway. It will be 2-sided so it can be read in both directions and will be installed by our next meeting.

Dan will follow up next month to get more painting bids. Pat has 1 contact for him.

New Business

Pat Younger was unanimously approved to be the 9th and final current member of the Park Commission. Her resume will be sent to the BOA for final approval.

Doggie Park

Committee members Jim, Pat and Pam met at the park and chose the area between the rest rooms and the planter near the new memorial tree and back just short of the trail as the best place to put the park (easy water access, far enough away from houses, near parking).

Pam followed up with KC from the MUD to see what bringing a water line in might cost. His ballpark estimate for a simple spigot is about \$1000. They would do the work.

Jim stepped off the area and estimates it at about 150' x 120'. He will have a proposed drawing for the next meeting.

Joe will contact some of the fencing companies that KC recommended and will get quotes for the next meeting. We will need a double dog gate off the parking lot and a wider single gate on the side near the back of the rest rooms for a mower to get through.

Pat said that the doggie bag stations cost about \$700 and suggested that the one on the back trail behind the proposed dog park could be relocated into the park to save money.

Park repairs

Robert expressed concern about the erosion from the recent rains on the right side of the slide where the rope is. It is very slippery. Pam also mentioned the broken board on the other side of the slide. Pat will follow up soon and ask Linda to have Melvin look at the problem and come up with a suggestion for its solution. Joe mentioned that some swing seats look like they could tear. Robert said it's been 6-7 years since two were replaced.

Gary will ask the Scoutmaster at his church if painting the playground equipment might be a community service project for them. Michelle and Eric mentioned that a member of the Youth Commission is also in Scouts. They will both follow up. Feedback is needed before the next meeting in order to get this in the budget. An electronic meeting could be set up. The next BOA meeting is July 21 and our figures have to be in a week earlier in order to be on the agenda.

It was decided to table discussion on the exercise stations in the park. Gary asked that everyone observe park usage over the next couple of months to see if we need to fix these up or get rid of them.. Gary and Dan will be a committee of two to look at park improvements.

HillsFest

Date is October 16.

Eric introduced Michelle and said the Youth Commission is interested in being involved. They could help line up the younger children for face painting, etc. and help with the Rotary games. They had a suggestion to add kite flying in the field. Eric said they could possibly have a teen only event for an hour after HillsFest is over, keeping some fun events there for them and getting a band that they would like. Michelle also suggested having a different theme each year. Her email address is michelleychang@aol.com. Pattye will connect with the Youth Commission to follow up.

Pattye distributed sponsor sheets and asked us all to get busy asking for sponsorships and gift cards. She also gave us a list of sponsors from the past so we don't double up. Once each member gets a sponsor, email the commission so the rest of us don't contact the same business. You can let prospective sponsors know we had 450 participants last year and are looking to increase that number this year.

It was decided to keep Jazz Daddies as our band again this year. Pattye will follow up with Angie to be sure that her new management company is okay with her involvement in HillsFest.

Fall Music Fest

Date will be Sunday, November 13, from 3-6 p.m.

Gary will put some figures together. The theme will be country music, with suggestions of the Sassy Spurs, The Lake Travis Fiddlers, and KR Wood and his chuck wagon. The Musicians Woodshed would sponsor with equipment. A hayride was also suggested, and miniature horses. If any commission members would like to hear KR Wood, he will be at the park this Saturday, June 18 from 6-8 p.m. for the Rotary Induction party. If you want to eat dinner, let Gary know right away. Or, just come by and listen.

Storage Closet

Pat said the cleaners have asked us to straighten the closet again so they can find their supplies. Joe and Pam offered to help Pat, who will follow up.

Next Meeting

July 11th, 4:00 p.m., MUD Conference Room (2nd Monday of each month)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ovlén

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