



THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING--Monday, November 13, 2017

In attendance: Pat Younger, Gary Weldon, Christy Thompson, Jim Morter, Dan Kelley, Pam O'vlen, Robert Smith, Angie Thielemans, Wendy Smith

The meeting was called to order at 4:14 by Gary Weldon, Chair

Minutes

Angie corrected the minutes to read that everyone was to report to the park on Sunday, November 5, 2017. It was moved by Christy, seconded by Pat and passed to approve the minutes with that correction.

Treasurer's Report

Pat reported that there were no unexpected expenses. The \$84 for the Founder's Day sign, which was mistakenly placed under the Park Commission, has been moved to the BOA. There was discussion about how to handle the new school district policy that now charges us a \$75 permit fee each time we use their parking lot, although we let the school use our park free of charge when they need it. A suggestion was made that we charge them for park use. Wendy will try a diplomatic approach and get back to us. Gary requested that the money left over from HillsFest be noted on future Treasurer's Reports. It was moved by Jim, seconded by Christy and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Dog Park

In addition to the \$10,000 in the Park Commission budget, the dog park has \$2,426 in donations from individuals as well as from HillsFest and Yappy Hour. After all HillsFest expenses are in, there will be some money left over that Angie has earmarked for the dog park.

The dog park committee will meet after the first of the year to plan future fund raisers. The emphasis will be on soliciting business and resident donors, with a tiered recognition system, and names will be listed somehow in the dog park. Jim has already gotten sponsorship interest from Dr. Terrell, a local veterinarian.

Pam and Wendy met with Melvin earlier today to plan the movement of benches, exercise stations, a trash poop bag stand and a barbeque, as well as necessary grading. A new map will be drawn up by Eric and Jim with changes that have been made.

HillsFest

Angie said that the 2-\$1000 sponsors didn't receive much more than the \$500 donors and suggested that the top tier receive advertising at JazzFest also, maybe with a special banner with their name on it.

Other suggestions for next year were:

- 4 face painters needed
- 2 bouncy houses, one for smaller kids
- Registration tables needed trash cans
- Registration tables need agenda for the event plus maps
- Registration tables could be moved out a little bit
- Dunking booth - if we do again, needs fencing to prevent passer-bys from being hit by errant balls
- Invite Hills CC to return, Dennis McWilliams did a great job, his area was packed with kids!
- Consider hiring company to do hot dogs and/or hamburgers next year.
- If Papa Murphy's returns, they want us to pay.
- Questionnaire for sponsors, how did we do?
- Construct an entry or house for start of train, it was difficult to figure out where to get on (Maybe a train cross signal and train station. These could be rented or permanently built as a Scout project. There is no room to store them).
- If t-shirts are sold again, need a cash box with petty cash.
- The dry erase boards are great and make it easy to change and reuse signs

Gary asked Jim to find out Karen's count of how many participants we had at HillsFest and to let Angie and Wendy know.

The HillsFest date was chosen for next year--Sunday, November 4, 2018.

JazzFest

The date is set for Sunday, April 29, 2018

Gary will work on getting the Peterson Brothers back. He asks that each Commissioner get ideas for bands and bring them to the next meeting. We will solicit sponsorships for this event, too, which Angie volunteered to lead.

It was also discussed that we might want to consider a "Music in the Park" in the fall. Any genre could fall under this category. Wendy suggested tying in an ArtsFest and get the Club involved. If this event takes place, top sponsors will also have their banners hung at the park.

Park Maintenance

Now that 2 exercise stations will be taken down in the dog park area, we need to address the placement and refurbishing of all 6 of them. Dan has looked at the stations and

signage in the Bee Cave park and said we could plan our signs after them. He has volunteered to mentor a Scout troop, who can do the planning and work, under supervision by Dan, Gary and Robert. Jim will look for a local troop to take on this project. Another option would be to use the one that refurbished the slide, with a new boy who will be working on his Eagle Scout badge.

New Business

Expiring terms for Park Commission members: Jim, Allan and Gary. Allan has mentioned in the past that he is not interested in staying on the Commission. Gary and Jim are interested. Robert said that the BOA can reappoint them. Pam resigned as secretary after 2 years and said she would be interested in chairing the Commission, if Gary doesn't want to. Pat suggested that there could be a combined Secretary/Treasurer position in the future, as there is not that much for the Treasurer to do.

Next Meeting

The December meeting is cancelled in favor of a Holiday Social on Tuesday, December 5 from 4:00-6:00 at the Club. Wendy said that this will need to be posted so residents know that there will be no meeting on our regular day.

Gary adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Ovlen