

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2012
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, August 13, 2012, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present was:

Mr. Eddy Beshears
Mr. Jerry Neel
Mrs. Beth Presley

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson
Mr. Channon Toland, Parks Administrator
Mr. Steve Nicholls, P.G.A. Golf Professional
Mr. Brian Cummins, Golf Course Superintendent
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Park Maintenance Supervisor
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Parks Administrative Secretary
Mr. Joe Mundy, Ben Geren Softball Association President
Mr. Danny Aldridge
Ms. Wanda Freeman, Southwest Times Record

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Mr. Jerry Neel, Chairman.

Minutes of the July 9, 2012, meeting were reviewed. Eddy Beshears moved and Beth Presley seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was Reports:

Park Administrator Report: Channon Toland

- The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed. A total of \$71,513.91 for the Golf Course, \$4,810 for the Front Side, and \$4,904.43 for Miniature Golf was transferred to County Treasurer for July 2012.

Other reports included in the packet for review are:

- Ben Geren Miniature Golf 2011-2012 Revenue & Expense Recap
- Softball 2007-2012 Revenue Recap
- Soccer 2007-2012 Revenue Recap
- Go-Cart 2007-2012 Revenue Recap

Projects: Judge Hudson

- Safe Shelter: Estimated completion October
- Tennis: Working on parking lot

- Softball: Fencing project has slowed while electric lines are being located
- Soccer: Field and parking planning is ongoing
- 50/50 Grant:
 - Ben Geren restroom will likely be prefab
 - Midland Park amenities will be added
- Torraine Lake:
 - Trail to the lake will be done with Game & Fish Grant
- Grant has been submitted to Arkansas Highway Department for a bridge
- Disc Golf: Parking lot will be expanded
- Buckner Park: Improvements are complete
- Lavaca Park: Parking lot has been paved
- Aquatics Facility: Planning is ongoing

Briefing on Golf Course Marketing: Steve Nicholls

- August newsletter was sent out
- Ads continue with 95.3 and ESPN radio
- Tee sign monument sales are ongoing
- Get Golf Ready fall session is coming
- Golf course brochure is in progress
- Discussion in progress about updating County website
- Youth golf is being promoted through high school teams, First Tee players, and Steve's partnership with Boys & Girls Club

Briefing on Golf Course Operations: Brian Cummins

- Greens are in good shape
- Fall aerification tentatively set for September 4-6

City Projects that impact the park:

- Water line to run through the park and down the bike trail
- City is cleaning out right of way to Massard Creek between two subdivisions where our bike trail goes

Park Operations: Bobby Faulkner

- Mowing: Has slowed
- Getting started on fall projects

There being no other business to come before the Board, Eddy Beshears moved and Beth Presley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent
Administrative Secretary