

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2009
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, June 8, 2009, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present were:

Mr. Frank Glidewell
Mr. Bud Harper
Mr. Eddy Beshears

Absent was:

Mr. Jerry Neel

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson
Mrs. Sue Reed, Sebastian County Comptroller
Mr. Joe Gaa, Parks Administrator
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Administrative Secretary
Mr. Mike Henson, 1st Vice President, Ben Geren Softball Association
Mr. Rusty Garrett, Southwest Times Record

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Mr. Frank Glidewell, Chairman.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2009, Mr. Bud Harper moved and Mr. Eddy Beshears seconded that they be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was the Monthly Financial Reports. A total of \$73,464.55 for the Golf Course and \$12,825.17 for the Front Side was transferred to County Treasurer for May 2009.

The next item on the agenda was briefing on golf course marketing plan. Media Day on May 29 was well attended and everyone had a good time.

The next item on the agenda was Parks Administrator Report by Mr. Joe Gaa, included in the packet in writing. It addresses rural park improvement requests which include \$25,000 for a mower and \$15,000 for a vault toilet at Midland Park and \$73,500 for fence and light improvements and \$20,000 for playground equipment at East Sebastian County Park. The Quorum Court will vote on the expenditures at its June 16 meeting.

The only item on the agenda under old business is Strategic Plan Update. The Park Board was provided copies of parts of the Strategic Plan, including Executive Summary, Needs Assessment, and Action Plans.

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The first item on the agenda under new business was approval of Special Events on the calendar for June. Joe Gaa was asked about staffing schedule changes for special events. The process of sending out the Special Event Application and having early discussions with the organizers helps better plan for staffing needs. Maintenance and Security staff is scheduled as needed. Miniature golf is doing very well and profits continue to increase.

The second item on the agenda under new business was a recommendation to cancel the July Park Board Meeting. Mr. Eddy Beshears moved and Mr. Bud Harper seconded that the July Park Board Meeting be canceled as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bud Harper moved, Mr. Eddy Beshears seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent
Administrative Secretary