

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2009
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, November 9, 2009, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present were:

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

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson
Mr. Jerry Roberts, Assistant County Administrator
Mrs. Sue Reed, Sebastian County Comptroller
Mr. Joe Gaa, Parks Administrator
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Administrative Secretary
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 October 12, 2009, Mr. Eddy Beshears moved and Mr. Jerry Neel seconded that they be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was the Monthly Financial Reports. A total of \$32,220.93 for the Golf Course and \$4,056.73 for the Front Side was transferred to County Treasurer for October 2009.

The next item on the agenda was Briefing on Golf Course marketing plan. A November Newsletter is included in the Park Board packet. Jerry Neel commented that there has been water in the ball washers. Joe Gaa gave credit to our volunteers who care about the golf course.

The next item on the agenda was Parks Administrator Report by Mr. Joe Gaa. The Park has gone to winter hours, closing at 7:30pm. A winter projects list for the Park Maintenance Staff was distributed to the Board. Golf Course projects include irrigation leak and wiring repairs, drainage work and other small projects around cart paths, bunker drainage improvements and more sand, transplant trees, pro shop landscaping and fence improvements, interior and exterior painting. Ben Geren Park projects include softball field leveling, adding crusher dust, re-seeding outfields, improved lighting, soccer field leveling, fitness trail drainage and shale work, paved trail addition, disc golf bridges and drainage tubes. Overall maintenance project is improved preventative

maintenance and equipment tracking system. Rural Parks projects include playground (complete) and fencing (in progress) at East Sebastian Park, vault restroom and improved mowing plan at Midland Park.

The only item on the agenda under old business was Strategic Plan Update. Larkin Aquatics and Ballard-King, who are doing the aquatics feasibility study, will be in town Monday 11/16 doing their site visit, including a public meeting and a stakeholder focus group, consisting of Sebastian County Parks Board, Fort Smith Parks Commission, Sebastian County Park Strategic Planning Committee. They will also meet with the Quorum Court and other key individuals as they conduct their market analysis.

The first item on the agenda under new business was Complete Report on Miniature Golf. During the 2009 Season, made \$39,614, with expenses of \$11,514, resulting in a net profit of \$28,100. There were 8,506 rounds play during the season. Frank Glidewell complemented Joe on the operation of Miniature Golf this year.

The second item on the agenda under new business was 2010 Proposed Budgets. A copy of 2010 Proposed Budgets for 391 Ben Geren PS & GC and 390 Ben Geren Park-Recreation were included in the packet. Capital requests for 391 Golf Course include greens roller, deck mower, used utility vehicle, greens aerifier. Capital requests for 391 Park include deck mower, field drag, used utility vehicle.

The third item on the agenda under new business was December Park Board meeting. Mr. Bud Harper moved and Mr. Jerry Neel seconded that no park board meeting be held in December. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bud Harper moved, Mr. Eddy Beshears seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent
Administrative Secretary