

MINUTES  
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING  
November 10, 2008  
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, November 10, 2008, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present were:

Mr. Wayne Hancock  
Mr. Frank Glidewell  
Mr. Bud Harper  
Mr. Jerry Neel

Absent were:

Mr. Eddy Beshears

Others present were:

Hon. David Hudson, Sebastian County Judge  
Mr. Steve Nicholls, P.G.A. Golf Professional  
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Administrative Secretary  
Mr. Dan Cruce, Golfer  
Mr. Joe Mundy, 3rd Vice President, Ben Geren Softball Association

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon by Mr. Wayne Hancock, Chairman.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2008, Mr. Frank Glidewell 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 \$62,159.72 for the Golf Course and \$6,142.77 for the Front Side was transferred to County Treasurer for October 2008.

The next item on the agenda was briefing on golf course marketing plan by Mr. Steve Nicholls. The Judge's Tournament was successful. Ninety-two golfers participated. During October, 27 of the Monday Senior Day specials were sold producing revenue of \$675 and 75 of the Wednesday half price cart specials were sold producing revenue of \$2,700. Radio ads are ongoing. The November newsletter has been mailed. A Greenskeepers Revenge Tournament is scheduled for November 22. Ben Geren was listed in the Golf Digest as one of the best places to play. Courses were rated on course conditions, pace of play, service, and value. Participants in the survey are golfers who have played the courses.

On the Golf Course, drainage work is being done on Silo #7. Water leaks are being repaired. Preventive maintenance is being done on equipment.

The next item on the agenda was Park Administrator Report by Mr. Joe Gaa. A written report was distributed. The swimming pool has been filled in and covered with shale. The fitness/walking trail has been

recovered with shale. The old go-cart track, lights, and fence surrounding the track are being removed. The Midland Park walking trail is in need of some leveling and drainage work. It is recommended that the Park Board meet as a focus group in accordance with the park strategic plan at a time when all five members are in attendance. Mr. Jerry Neel moved and Mr. Frank Glidewell seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wayne Hancock expressed an interest in the Park Board taking a tour of East Sebastian County Park in Lavaca and Midland Park.

The only item on the agenda under old business is Golf Course Restructuring Plan Status Report. Judge Hudson briefed the Board on the plan as presented to the Quorum Court for consideration in the 2009 budget. Following discussion, Mr. Frank Glidewell moved and Mr. Bud Harper seconded that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda under new business is facilitate discussion on 2008 Park Strategic Plan. This item was deferred until a time when all five members are in attendance.

The second item under new business is December Park Board meeting. Mr. Frank Glidewell moved and Mr. Bud Harper seconded that no park board meeting be held in December. Motion carried unanimously.

The last item on the agenda is park revenue reports that are included in the packet.

Mr. Bud Harper moved, Mr. Jerry Neel seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent  
Administrative Secretary