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Judge Hudson and Bobby Faulkner met with Mr. Kent Penney, newly elected President of the Soccer Association. The County would like to work closer with them on turf management.

Judge Hudson, Tom Minton, and Bobby Faulkner met with Mr. Brian Kellar, Program Director for Outdoor Recreation Grants, Mr. John Beneke, Project Officer/State Trails Coordinator, and Mr. Rusty Myers, Assistant Ex. Director/Dir. of Economic Development for Western Arkansas Planning & Development District, about applying for a grant. Mr. Kellar recommended that we update our master plan which was last done in 2001. He also suggested the possibility of adding an Events Coordinator to our staff. When looking at a water program, capital costs as well as operating expenses must be considered. A report is being prepared by the Judge's staff for the Quorum Court.

Under new business, Mr. Bud Harper has met with Mr. Ed Devero who is interested in an athletic complex being located at Ben Geren Park. Mr. Harper requested that he provide additional information in the form of a footprint of what is suggested. Judge Hudson has also spoken with Mr. Devero and asked him to prepare a business plan. No action by the board is necessary at this time.

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

The next park board meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 12:00 noon. It was moved by Mr. Wayne Hancock and seconded by Mr. Frank Glidewell that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent, Administrative Secretary

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2007
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 Noon, July 9, 2007, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present were:

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

Absent was:

Mr. Eddy Beshears

Others present were:

Hon. David Hudson, Sebastian County Judge
Mr. Tom Minton, Assistant County Administrator
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Park Supervisor
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Administrative Secretary
Mr. Robert Moody, Chairman, Celebrity Classic
Ms. Mary Crider, Times Record

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Mr. Jerry Neel, Chairman.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2007, it was moved by Mr. Bud Harper and seconded by Mr. Wayne Hancock that they be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was the Monthly Financial Reports. A total of \$102,646.57 for the Golf Course and \$6,564.99 for the Front Side was transferred to County Treasurer for June 2007.

The next item on the agenda was briefing on Golf Course marketing activities. The July and August golf calendar and the Summer Newsletter were included in the packet.

The only action item on the agenda was request to use Ben Geren Park for Celebrity Classic on May 15-16-17, 2008. A letter from Ms. Susan Krafft, Event Coordinator, was included in the packet. Following discussion, Mr. Bob Moody suggested that event chairpersons meet at the park with park staff to discuss specific needs and options for this event. It was moved by Mr. Wayne Hancock and seconded by Mr. Bud Harper that this request be tabled until the August 13 park board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On Saturday-Sunday, June 30-July 1, the Ben Geren Softball Association hosted the 9U World Series fast pitch tournament which was moved from Muskogee. Even with the recent rain, Ben Geren's fields were playable. Nine teams from Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, and Oklahoma participated. It was a very successful event.