

The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 12th, 2011

In Attendance: Scott Feil, Bruce Warmuth, Jennifer Paul, Gretchen Pachlhofer, Peter Gomes, and Mary Ann Grimes

Meeting commenced at 1pm at The MUD Conference room with Scott Feil presiding and Mary Ann Grimes taking minutes.

Welcome: Scott welcomed the commission members.

Motion to approve June minutes was made and they were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report provided

Old Business

- **For Discussion/Update**
 - **Treasurer's estimate of remaining funds through the end of the fiscal year September 30, 2011:** Budget was submitted via email at the last meeting. No new information provided.
- **For Decision**
 - **Execution of the following:**
 - **Removal of the dead cedar at the entrance:** Scott reported that GTL will remove the dead cedar for an estimated \$600. Jennifer suggested that their bid was very high especially since it did not include stump removal. Scott will get a bid from Florentino. Jennifer will also get an estimate from a landscape provider that she has used.
 - **Timeframe for replacement of nature trail plant/tree identification signs:** This project is still in limbo until Jennifer and Gretchen get some more information and look for alternate types of signage and bids. Gretchen will look at a company from Fredericksberg that does a nice job etching stone and will also check Sunshine nursery to see who supplies their etched stones/signs. In addition, she suggested we contact The City of Lakeway who had a similar project done in the Lakeway City Park to find out who they used. Another source of info may be the Hills Golf Course since they too have stone signage at the T-boxes. It was agreed by all that the signs need to be more permanently installed and to be of a quality that would last indefinitely. Once there are enough estimates and ideas, we will see if there is enough

money in the budget to complete this project and if the expense is deemed worthy.

- **Time for repair of playscape borders:** We would like to begin this project before the end of our fiscal year and use remaining funds (\$5,000) from the granite line item to begin work and use funds from next fiscal year to complete. It was decided to seek additional bids before work can commence. Also, we would like a more detailed bid from GTL including a clarification in their estimate since a discrepancy was noted. Scott will contact Playwood in Austin ,and Gretchen will contact a resident of The Hills who owns a landscaping company in Spicewood for additional bids.
- **Ice Cream Social**
 - **Selection of date:** October 16, 2011, 3:00-5:00pm
 - **Nominations/election of chairperson:** Betty Ann Courtney
 - **Creation of sub-committee:** All commission members will assist in assigned areas. Gretchen will coordinate the purchase of the ice cream including ordering it and toppings from Randalls and make sure the freezer from the Club is reserved. She will also coordinate the pick-up and return of the freezer from The Club to The Park. Mary Ann will coordinate the volunteers for set-up, ice cream scooping, and clean-up. Josh will do the signage? Bruce a possible photo display board of projects done or to be done. Betty Ann has already reserved Games2U.
 - **Solicitation for assistance from Friends of the Park:** Felicia Dodd told Bruce she was interested in helping. An updated list of “Friends” will be assembled and members will be contacted for help with the ICS.

New Business

○ For Discussion:

- **Final FY 12 budget:** Scott will be presenting The Park budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to the BOA for approval. We are requesting funds based on our current expenses and future projects on the table for the upcoming year. Scott displayed his power point presentation which included Josh’s treasure’s report from last month and our pending projects. There are two major projects that will begin this fiscal year; removal of the dead cedar tree and repairing the playscape borders. Our other major project is the leveling of the playing field. Based on estimates received thus far and remaining funds, we are asking the BOA for \$31,805. This number does not include funding for the leveling of the playing field.

- **For Decision**
 - **Approval of FY 12 budget:** Pending of approval from BOA.
 - **Approval of FY 12 budget presentation:** Scott's budget presentation approved.
- **Public Forum, Comment, and Other business to come before the Commission:** Jennifer reported that she was called by a resident who was having a party at the park. They had a huge event including a rock band, a water feature, P-terry's hamburgers, and about 150 people. They had apparently blown the circuit breaker and asked that someone open the storage area to reset the breakers. Jennifer was able to go to the park and reset the breakers but thought that we may want to note in the reservation agreement for future events that there is limited electrical access at the pavilion. Scott reported that he spoke with some teenage boys who were playing on the basketball court and asked them what they would like to see at the park. They suggested they would like a volleyball court. Also, they thought that the idea of leveling the playing field was a great idea and would get a lot of use.

Next meeting will be **August 9, 2011 1:00PM**

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Scott Feil, Chair for The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission

Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary