

**BENNETT FAMILY PARK**  
**December 2005 Board Meeting Minutes**

Board members present: Bob Lietzke, Giovanni Orbita, Dave Wietecha, John Williams, Sam Ashkar, Chris Gabler, Jeff Bailey, Nancy Countryman, Bob Jasper, Bill Hickey, Dave Kordonowy, Hank Obrien, Gary Cayo

Meeting called to order at 7:05

**Minutes:** Upon motion made and seconded the minutes from November 2005 were approved

**Financial Report:** Alarm System for notification of heat is still not operational. Upon motion made and seconded the financials for November 2005 were approved. Gary Cayo will provide end of the Financials at the January 2006 meeting. Upon motion made and seconded the board approved the fire and heat sensors to be replaced. Upon motion made and not seconded the board did not approve the fix the alarm system for \$1,700.

**Maintenance-Park Manager:** Jerry Kidd was not present to provide report.

**Budget Proposal:** The operating budget was to be broken out into two areas, inside the fences and outside the fence. Inside the fence would be the responsibility of the leagues and outside the fences would be the responsibility of the BFP. TBR questioned why the Park Maintenance budget went from \$50,000 in 2005 to a budgeted \$75,000 in 2006. Gary Cayo explained the cost overruns were factored into the 2006 budget. TBR would like to see BFP run and organize the Twins night if the proceeds benefit BFP and not the individual leagues. TBR raised the issue if the leagues organize the event, find the volunteers and do most of the work why shouldn't they keep the proceeds for their respective leagues. The details of Twins night will be discussed at a later meeting when the leagues begin to organize the event. Utilities may increase this year and we should budget more for 2006. Upon motion made and seconded the 2006 budget will reflect a total of \$13,000 for utilities.

**League Reports:** ETL, Twins night 2006 will be held over Memorial Day weekend. Working on registration. MGSA, working on registration. TBR, working on registration and will include dome fees on all registrations.

**Registration Dates:** TBR will coordinate the sale of refreshments for registration.

**Web Site Facility Request:** Jim Peck would like to schedule some games.

**Construction Update:** Giovanni Orbita has left messages with the County to discuss the new wall and the location of the BFP sign. No calls have been returned.

**Endowment Proposal:** Upon motion made and seconded the BFP board approved Gary Cayo to deposit assets from main checking account to CD's. It was discussed the Gary Cayo would deposit \$50,000 in a 12 month CD, \$25,000 in a 9 month CD, \$25,000 in a 6 month CD and \$20,000. Bill Hickey will advise Gary Cayo on the amounts to be deposited. They will review the rates and make a decision on how much to deposit based on the current rates.

**Long Rang Planning:** Hank O'Brien suggested that to better facilitate changes to the park we need to create a sub-committee to work on priorities to the park for capital improvement projects. Up to two (2) representatives from each league will work with Bob Jasper to develop a plan for funding the improvements. A slogan of "Miracle at Bennett: Swinging for the fences for the next 50 years" was adopted by Bob Jasper and his marketing committee. Bob Jasper suggested we have a separate brochure for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and park improvements available by registration 2006. These brochures would also act as mailers. Hank O'Brien will coordinate with John Flynn to update the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo and its clarity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.