

BENNETT FAMILY PARK
January 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Non Board members present: Thomas Schneider

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes: Upon motion made and seconded the minutes from December 2005 were approved with the Long Rang Planning section to be updated with Hank O'Brien's modifications to that section.

Financial Report: Upon motion made and seconded the Financials for the end of the year, 2005, were approved.

2005 Bennett Family Park Board of Directors adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

2006 Bennett Family Park Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

2006 Board Positions:

Giovanni Orbita has resigned as Bennett Family Park Secretary and was voted in as Director At Large. The Secretary position is currently open. TBR has asked that Bob Baldwin replace Chris Wold as its third representative. MGSA will keep its three representatives the same. ETLT will keep its three representatives the same. The City of Minnetonka representative, Brad Wiersum, will check with the city to see if he will retain that position. Upon motion made and seconded the 2006 Board of Directors were approved as listed below.

BENNETT BOARD POSITIONS

President
Treasurer
Secretary
Field Scheduling Coordinator
Web Master
Concessions Stand Manager, VP
Park/Field Maintenance Director
Bennett Book Publisher
Director At Large
Director At Large
Pavilion, Gazebo, Grill Scheduler
Long Range Planning Director
Fund Raising Director
Park Manager
Liaison to Cities served by Bennett
Communications/PR Director
Opening Day Coordinator

CURRENT – Expires Jan 2006

Bob Lietzke
Gary Cayo
Open
Bob Lietzke
Bob Lietzke
Nancy Countryman
Chris Gabler
Anita Kordonowy
Mark Magney
Giovanni Orbita
Bob Lietzke
Bob Jasper
Open
Jerry Kidd
Bill Hickey
Open
Open

Appointed Bennett Board Positions

East Tonka Little League (ETLL) - President
ETLL - VP
ETLL - Rep
Mtka Girls Softball Assoc. (MGSA) - President
MGSA - VP
MGSA - Treasurer
Tonka Babe Ruth (TBR) - President
TBR - VP
TBR - Rep
City of Minnetonka Representative

Dave Wietecha
Mike Prochno
John Williams
Jeff Bailey
Bob Lietzke
Tony Livorsi
Sam Ashkar
Hank O'Brien
Bob Baldwin
Brad Wiersum

Park Operations: A pipe in the upper floor of the concession stand was frozen and caused a leak in the upper level. The problem was fixed and water cleaned up.

2006 Financials: Bob Jasper requested that the East Park Improvements numbers be removed from the budget so we can track the expenses separately as the funds are used. The \$14,000 will be added to a different budget line item. The funds collected in 2004 and 2005 should be separated out and listed as collected. TBR would like their portion of the Twins fundraiser to be a fixed amount of \$3,000. If they happen to raise more than the budget \$3,000 then they can contribute more. The budget for bleachers should be removed from the budget. If funds are available we will then upgrade bleachers at a later time. Add Capital Improvement money collected to the East Park Improvement budget. The payroll company is now setup to handle electronic based timesheets and payroll. The Concession Manager and the Park Manager will submit hours of employees online and Gary Cayo will print checks. Upon motion made and seconded the financials for 2006 were approved. Direct deposit is now an option for the park employees.

Endowment: Gary Cayo, Treasurer, deposited \$100,000 in a 9 month CD at 4.7% interest.

Registration Dates: TBR to take care of refreshments for the two registration dates. Each league will help with the cost.

League Reports: ETLL, MGSA and TBR are all getting ready for registration. The Board agreed that practices would take place on fields #1, #2 and #4 until opening day. Fields #3 and #5 will only be used if they register with Bob Lietzke and field conditions permit play. TBR has expressed concern that the expenses to field #1 are going to be tough to handle by their league. TBR would like an "Inside the Fence" committee to organize the priorities for each league. TBR would like to see Bennett Family Park to drive the improvements on all fields and get the updates done. More discussion will need to take place to see whom funds the field improvements.

Web Site Facility Request: Scheduling is going well.

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.

Concession Stand Update: Bob Jasper and associates is looking into the possibility of having a food vendor sell food on a Saturday. Some of the corporations they may approach are DQ, Old Chicago, and Famous Daves. More details at a later meeting.

Long Rang Planning: Bob Jasper is still looking for a lead person to take on fund raising for the East Park Improvements. The positions of PR and Marketing are still vacant and need to be filled soon so the East Park Improvements can begin. Nancy Country has mentioned she may be retiring soon and would like to take a major role in fundraising for the park. Kevin Thorsen, Miracle League of Minnesota, has made presentations to the Rotary Clubs in the area to gain their support for the Miracle League field. Hank O'Brien and other are working on the logo and should have something by the February meeting.

Other: TBR would entertain the idea of supporting Field #1 and Miracle League improvements and then moving efforts to the High School project. TBR would like this to happen if the BFP board support would go from BFP to the High School project. We will ask Sports Star to submit a bid and look to other vendors to supply pictures.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.