

Bennett Family Park Board Meeting Minutes March 7, 2004

Board members present: Chris Gabler, Giovanni Orbita, Gary Cayo, Nancy Countryman, Mike Prochno, John Guy, David Kordonowy, Mark Magney, John Williams Bob Lietzke, Sam Ashkar

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Baker of the Day: David introduced Kathy Maes to discuss the upcoming fundraiser. She would like a point person from each league. Must have order form to place order. Contact Kathy to set up volunteer times and schedules.

Minutes: February minutes were approved. Approved minutes will go on the web after the approval.

Financial Reports: Handouts provided by Gary. Gary went through the updated and new financial reports. Port Kim would like to bid on the insurance that is up for renewal. Our insurance person is looking for other bids; we will wait and see the final numbers before renewal. Equipment Replacement shows what needs to be updated at the park. The pump is the priority for the 2004 issues. Need to add a screen to catch the debris that is clogging the pump. Wages, Concession and Maintenance needed more for the extended season. Need to add Twins Night and Baker of the Day to the financial report. John Guy had comments regarding monthly cash flow instead of weekly. Other questions related to why ETLT deposit has not shown up? Bank loan payoff is empty, why? Treasurer report not approved until next meeting. Sewer fees for the leagues were discussed. ETLT, check will be sent. MGSA, still taking registration. TBR, sent some but more to follow.

Concession Stand Review: Nancy passed out detailed report. The numbers included projected sales through July 31, 2004. We will take the advantage of Net 10 to get the 2% discount. Mentioned that the numbers could be down due to a rainy May. No price changes on the candy, new penny candy will be added and coke will remain as our vendor. Questions from the board included; what does a bottle cost (BFP) compared to what we sell it for? Nancy did not have the information to answer that question. John brought up the difference in food cost this year compared to years in the past, 64% in the past compared to 52% this year. Are we pricing correctly? The concession projections did not include the Grill sales. Question regarding coffee vendors, will look into other possibilities besides what we currently have. Volunteer concession stand by teams will be posted on the web. Nancy would like assistance to set the schedule. Leave budget at \$75k but should add a Potential page to the financial report for post-season revenue.

Park Maintenance: Chris handed out a detailed budget. The schedule does not include rain days. Discussed the option of not raking and chalking the fields after each game for the below 9 years old. Rookie, Coach Pitch and 8A could go 2-3 games before maintenance hits them. This option would keep costs down and allow the grounds crew to pay more attention to the other fields that have 9 and above playing on them. ETLT agrees with the option but will work with Chris on this option and see how it goes throughout the season. Chris needs 4 more grounds workers; he has kids in mind and will update the board at a later date. Need to service existing gator with tires, another gator needed to help with the other fields. Chris to route a schedule for field maintenance for next meeting. TBR field to be done last on the schedule, TBR mentioned they may have issues with that but Chris will work with TBR and the crew to see how it goes with the schedule and rotation. League presidents and Chris will be the go to people for maintenance issues. The league presidents will send a list of priorities to Chris. During the month of June Chris will not be onsite much due to prior commitments. Garbage was an issue last year and Chris will address that to the grounds crew but we should also mention it to the teams. More cans to be placed this year

Capital Campaign: Baker of the Day, Twins Night and the Donor board were discussed. Dave brought up some sort of recognition for the donors. Could we add it to the web, permanent board in the lobby, and mailings to the users? It was discussed but no firm decision was made.

Park Improvements: Toddler lot will be in place with a free donation of older equipment from the city. This will be temporary until the new pieces are placed in 2005. Board agreed to accept the donation. BFP will add sand or wood chips to the tot lot area. No permanent cover will be placed until the final lot is constructed. Clean up day is scheduled for April 17th at Freeman and Bennett. Coordinate with Chris for supplies.

League Reports: ETLI has 757 kids with all games at Bennett. TBR has 345 kids and more still coming in with less than 1/3 of their games at Bennett. MGSA has 540 kids with half of their games at Bennett.

Opening Day: Scheduled for May 1. Will have the Petersons down to thank them for the landscape contribution. Stu Liesz award to Great Harvest; Bill Hartiel award given to John Kraemer; Jim Peck award given to TBR to follow on the recipient. Activities will be between 10:00 and 12:00.

Presidents Objectives: Dave would like a nominating committee to select board members. We need to add more people to the board so the current board could act as an executive board and then create an operating board to run the park, this would broaden the board and allow each committee to attack certain issues and free up the executive board to handle the future of the park. The 5-year plan would take Demographics, Governments and others.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11