

BENNETT FAMILY PARK
October 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Bob Lietzke, Giovanni Orbita, Dave Wietecha, John Williams, Jerry Kidd, Sam Ashkar, Chris Gabler, Jeff Bailey, Nancy Countryman, Bob Jasper, Bill Hickey, Mike Prochno, Brad Wiersum

Meeting called to order at 7:08

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

Financial Report: Gary Cayo handed out the current Profit and Loss statement, Balance Sheet, East Park Improvement Deposits and Proposed budget for fiscal year 2006. The Alarm System needs to be updated and the board needs to make a decision on weather to fix it or leave it disconnected. BFP has received \$7,400 from ETLT and \$2,500 from TBR for Twins Night 2005. The board reviewed the balance sheet and as of November we are currently \$2,000 over budget. The proposed budget for 2006 reflects some numbers from 2005 and has not been updated. Bill Hickey suggests reviewing the Utilities budget and accounting for rate increases. John Williams suggested some changes for next years budget. Nancy will set the thermostat to 50 degrees for the winter. Upon motion made and seconded the financials for November 2005 were approved.

Maintenance-Park Manager: Jerry Kidd to review the 2006 Park Maintenance Budget and update Bob Lietzke by November 19th.

League Reports: ETLT and MGSA had nothing to report. TBR submitted their field #1 improvements.

Registration Dates: The board reviewed the new dates for registration. Anita Kordonowy will be responsible for the Bennett Book in 2006. Have a table at registration to discuss and show the preliminary park improvements. January MGSA newsletter will have registration dates included.

Web Site Facility Request: Nothing to report

Construction Update: The sign will end up staying in place and not be removed or relocated by the county. Giovanni will contact the county to discuss the new wall and the existing sign location. With the new wall in place there is some blind spots as you leave the park and look into on coming traffic. Giovanni will update the board when the county responds. The entrance will not change from its current configuration. The board will need to discuss right turns only when leaving the park for safety reasons. Nancy Country is concerned with children playing on the wall and the liability that BFP will have if someone gets injured playing on the wall. Giovanni will look into the liability BFP has if someone gets hurt playing on the county retaining wall.

Concession Stand: Nancy Countryman will be retiring from concession stand manager after the 2006 season. BFP needs to begin the process on finding a new concession stand manager. Bill Hickey suggested starting an Ad-Hoc committee to begin the transition process. Nancy Countryman will chair this committee. Bill Hickey and Sam Ashkar will serve as committee members.

Endowment Proposal: Bill Hickey passed out a rough draft of an Endowment Proposal that would look at the monies received from the land sale to the county. The proposal was broken into two parts, where would the funds be invested and the amount of money BFP could use yearly for park improvements. Members of the board were concerned with the amount of money that could be withdrawn from the fund in order to use for park improvements. Jeff Bailey questions why BFP needs to create a long-term endowment when the park has immediate needs for capital improvement and the money could go for those improvements. Jeff Bailey suggested a three-tier budget for capital improvement. They could be Operations, Inside Fence and Outside Fence. Due to the number of questions regarding the proposal, Bob Lietzke recommended tabling the Endowment Proposal until after the league presidents meeting.

Other: Chris Gabler received a call from Hedberg regarding the bricks. Chris will follow up with Hedberg to see if we have bricks to pick up or find out what they wanted. John Williams recommended that we move the meter out of the Lions Building to the concession stand to prevent the meter from freezing. John estimates the work will run around \$3,000. Upon motion made and seconded the water meter will be moved to the concession stand. John Williams will coordinate this work.

Long Rang Planning: Bob Jasper reviewed a meeting the he attended at Frank Kuzmas home. The basis for this meeting was to get a consensus of what was going on with the Diamond Club, Touchdown Club and Bennett Family Park regarding fundraising for the improvements at the high school and BFP. Bob Jasper mentioned an end of March deadline to see if the high school project will get off the ground. Bob has raised about \$27,000 for seed money to go towards the East Park improvements. Bob reviewed the East Park Improvements and the volunteer positions that will be needed to get this project going. He hopes to have all the positions filled by the end of January 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.