

City of Charlotte
Park Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Doug Hull, Karen Holtz, Dave Skidmore, Chris Burt, Brian Lautzenheiser, Amy Schoonover

Absent: None

Guests: Bill Arnold, City Council Member; Mike & Jeri Bohms

Minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting and of the October 28, 2008 special meeting were reviewed and approved.

III Old Business

- A. Tree trimming continues. There were three trees on W. Lovett that were removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer, and three more up on N. Sheldon for the same reason. The City Forester will be coming in the spring to work with the DPW staff on trimming.
- B. Amy will be meeting with some folks to review plans for another hockey rink that was built in the area. Donation letters were sent out to the community. So far we have received \$2,450 from the community. The Board asked to be notified of the next hockey rink committee meeting. The Community Development Director will be applying for some grants.
- C. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the back nine of Disc Golf was held on November 15th. It was well attended. Garrit Douma has also donated some brush hog work between the back nine holes. A thank you has been sent out for that too. Thanks also went to Dave Skidmore for working with Mr. Douma and procuring a remembrance disc for the mother of the young man who died and donations were made in his memory.
- D. Gregg Guetschow, the city manager, has been looking into different opportunities for grants to fund the Boundless Playground.
- E. The Rotary Club already has approximately \$30,000 saved for the pavilion/ restroom project at Lincoln Park. This next year they will be holding a raffle in the summer and a goods and services auction in November to help raise the money needed to complete it. More information will be forthcoming.
- F. Regarding the trail project being pursued by the Can Do group, they have walked the site. Additionally, they have been working with Rusti Owens from C2ae to come up with a plan for it.
- G. Council Member Bill Arnold updated the Board in regard to the recreation collaboration with the Townships. They felt it wasn't a good time to create an authority and levy a recreation tax. He indicated that they would be looking at an Intergovernmental Agreement, and he would like one of the City representatives on that board to be a Park

Advisory Board member. They anticipate looking toward space and facility needs as opposed to program needs. Bill indicated they are currently working on language and would like to have an agreement by June.

IV New Business

- A. There has been a request by some of the avid disc golf players that we consider a disc golf tournament next year, possibly in conjunction with Celebrate Charlotte. Jeri and Mike Bohms discussed their ideas. Amy gave them a list of questions to answer and information to gather. The Board was very supportive of the tournament idea.
- B. Amy submitted an application to the Eaton County Parks and Recreation for a bocce ball court as directed at the last meeting. In doing further research, the \$757 estimated in the Master Plan was not adequate for a properly constructed court. The cost estimate included boards and a tennis clay court surface.
- C. The Board was asked to start thinking about items for next year's budget that starts July 1st. Amy will need to turn in requests in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.