

City of Charlotte
Park Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Doug Hull, Chris Burt, Dave Skidmore, Amy Schoonover

Absent: Brian Lautzenheiser, Karen Holtz

Minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III Old Business

- A. The draft of the new improved street tree list was forwarded to the city's forester for review and comment as requested. He had some additions, and the Board's comments have been incorporated. The Board recommended posting it on the City website.

Sally has put together a grant application through the DNR to help facilitate the inventory of our trees in the right-of-way. We will be using the GPS unit and one of our tree guys from the DPW. She has also applied for a Consumers Energy grant to help cover the costs of replacing trees in the downtown.

The DPW just received word that the amendment to the Shepherd Street grant was approved that will allow planting of trees that were removed as part of the project.

- B. DPW is currently working with a contractor to try and get the slab poured this year for the hockey rink project. Briggs has given a firm price for the concrete that includes a discount for the community project. The boards will most likely be moved to the downtown fire station for the volunteers to work on when the have time.
- C. There is no news regarding possible funding for the Boundless Playground.
- D. The Rotary Club will hold their goods and services auction, the Holiday Hoopla, on November 7th at St. Mary's to help fund the Lincoln Park restroom project. They will also have a Taste of Charlotte with several local restaurants serving hors d'oeuvres. They are starting to ramp up requests for donations.
- E. The Step by Step group has applied for a DNR grant is trying to raise the match money needed for the wastewater treatment plant path project. Dave suggested they contact Spartan for a donation.
- F. There is an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 46 who is interested in building benches at Lincoln Park. The Charlotte Disc Golf Association (CDGA) has put a lot of work into the course this year. Dave reported that there are at least 33 members in the leagues. There are two tournaments upcoming, and the CDGA is planning a Halloween night round of disc golf in costume.

- G. The Board received a memo from Councilman Bill Arnold regarding the Interlocal Agreement for Recreation and where they are in the process. He asked for a volunteer from the Park Board to serve on the committee, but with two members absent, they wanted to wait until the next meeting.
- H. The park reservation system has been in place for a few months now. The reservations are for the front pavilion only at Bennett Park. There have only been a few issues, otherwise, it's been working out. The Board received a copy of the policy.

IV New Business

- A. Doug Hull attended the Citizen's Symposium on Parks and Recreation. He provided a brief update on it. There were seven people in attendance, and the top five recommendations were a fence around the horse shoe courts; dedicated park staff; tree planting in the parks; the park ranger program; more trails.
- B. The DPW had two seasonal staff members this summer to help with the parks and other DPW jobs. They were able to paint a great deal of the equipment in the parks as well as perform other maintenance. Discussion was held on animal waste on the trails at Bennett Park.
- C. The Limited Development Finance Authority Board (LDFA) is starting to look at the park in the Combs Industrial Park (CIP). Rusti Owens from C2ae has been contacted by the community development director, and he will be working on the project. As part of the design process, there is discussion of design charettes and a joint meeting with the Park Advisory Board and the LDFA. Information will be passed along when it is received.
- D. The Board was asked to start thinking about ideas for the Eaton County Mini Grant application that should be coming out in the next few months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.