

BENNETT FAMILY PARK
July 10, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Bob Lietzke, Giovanni Orbita, Mike Prochno, Gary Cayo, Jerry Kidd, Dave Kordonowy, Chris Gabler, Jeff Bailey, Nancy Countryman, Bob Jasper, Mark Rising, Mark Magney, Sam Ashkar

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Minutes: Were not available for approval.

Financial Report: Security System for fire and cold is under contract for two more years with Center Point Energy. Concession stand revenues are doing well and should exceed budget for 2005. Concession stand wages are over budget. Wage overruns should be offset with concession stand revenues. Equipment for the park is over budget due to new mower purchase and maintenance on existing equipment. Upon motion made and seconded the financials were approved.

Maintenance-Park Manager: Jerry Kidd reviewed the maintenance on fields 1, 2 and 4. They are in good condition for the Gopher Classic and the Little League season ending tournaments. The dead trees within the park have been cut down and removed off site. We have received a letter from the City of Minnetonka requesting us to remove an Elm tree on our property. The Elm tree is within the property that was purchased by the county. The tree will be removed when the construction begins. ETLL is looking at putting an electric start on one of the mowers. Possible equipment for next year could be a roller for the infields. Gary Cayo will call and get information on a maintenance/service plan for the equipment at the park.

Twins Day/BFP Fundraiser: MGSA has paid its \$4,900 dollars it raised for the fundraising night. ETLL has yet to pay its portion to BFP. Mike Prochno will discuss it with the ETLL president and get the payment to the park within the next week. TBR has yet to pay its \$4,000 portion to the BFP. TBR president Sam Ashkar mentioned that TBR was unaware that this was a Bennett Family Park fundraiser and TBR used Twins night, as their only fundraiser for the season and any funds they raised would stay within TBR. TBR misunderstood the ETLL matching offer. TBR thought ETLL would but in an extra \$4,000 matching what TBR raised and TBR would not have to put in their \$4,000. The BFP board mentioned that all leagues were in agreement that Twins night was a BFP fundraiser and we were expecting TBR's portion from that fundraiser. TBR President Sam Ashkar will bring this up at their next meeting.

League Reports: MGSA – Their tournaments start tomorrow. Many teams from MGSA qualified for national tournaments and are well represented in post-season tournaments. MGSA to have a fall season but no games will be held at Bennett.

ETLL – Year went very well and the tournaments all went very well. Looking at a all wood bat tourney at the end of July. District 1 Little League tournament to be hosted by ETLL at BFP.

TBR – Post season play is being finalized. Thirteen (13) year old league needs further development. Senior Babe is going well. Looking at an April 30th for the new age group cut off date. Looking at a possible tournament on Field #1.

Scoreboards: Dave Kordonowy would like Bennett Family Park to pick up the cost of the new scoreboard on Field #1. The \$9,000 (approx.) would come out of the 2005 capital budget. Upon motion made and seconded the BFP board approved the purchase of the scoreboard for field #1. The board discussed the scoreboards for Fields #3 and #5 (estimated at \$7,000 for both) and the park would pick up half the cost to replace those scoreboards. Upon motion made and seconded, Bennett Family Park will pay for half of the cost to replace the scoreboards on fields #3 and #5 from the 2006 capital budget. MGSA offered to pay for the remaining cost of the #3 and #5 board replacement. Upon motion made and seconded, the board agreed that any advertisement funds raised for a scoreboard on a specific field would go towards the improvements on that field. The 2006 budget will reflect line items for each field to track funds.

Fall Ball Schedules: Topic to be discussed in August.

Concession Stand: Doing well. Payroll is expected to go over budget

Book/Web Site: The “Requests” option on the website is going well. A request for use of our fields for soccer practice was submitted to the board. A church organization would like to use our fields two evenings a week from August 15th thru October 30th. They would have four teams using the fields on those two evenings. Any damages to the field will be the responsibility of the requesting organization. Upon motion made and seconded, BFP will allow the requesting organization to use fields #3 or #5, along as there is no conflict with the existing schedule the city has to use field #3. A usage fee of \$50 will be assessed the requesting organization. A request from a church organization was submitted for use of the fields for their leagues makeup games. The board will pass on this request.

Book/Web Site: The Sewer Committee and volunteers completed the tot lot cover. The construction along 101 is proceeding as scheduled. The wall construction will begin around the end of July first part of August. Giovanni Orbita discussed with the board the opportunity to work with McCrossan for storing materials in our Parking Lot. The board does not want any heavy trucks driving across the sewer line or water line

Long Rang Planning: Bob Jasper is looking at alternatives for increased parking in order to fit the Miracle League field next to field #5.

Field #1 Repair Bills: TBR Pres., Sam Ashkar, asked if BFP is still good to pay its \$2,500 commitment for spring drainage repairs to the field. The board reiterated its commitment to contribute \$2,500 for the repair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.