

## GSLMA Meeting – Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Location: Grand Glaize Library Branch

Notes by: Jeffrey C. Young

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm

Roll Call.

October minutes read. Motion, second, and passed.

### Treasures Report:

BB: \$5839.92

Total Deposits: \$995.00

Total Debits: \$84.00

Debit Web Hosting: \$4.00

Debit Port Potty: \$80.00

EB: \$6750.92

Motion, second, and passed.

### Buder Park Permits:

Permit 12/7/11 to 1/4/12: 36

Permits YTD 2012: 62

### New Business:

- Special guest: Tom Ott worked with GSLMA for 8 years. Thank you for \$1000.00 donation. Media on park closings and layoffs - council intervened. 3.7 million dollar reduction – how to keep parks open - cut back on services, equipment, and layoffs in 2012. The way STLCPD works is going to change – how to bring revenue into parks. Lost 64 positions in last decade. Cannot absorb 3 to 4 million dollar hit without impacting parks. Permit fees is the right direction. Cutting grass at field may happen. Buder Park soccer field rental will have to be paid for GSLMA events. Asphalt by GSLMA and Labor by SLCPD. Seal coat by GSLMA (SLCPD does not provide seal coat labor). Raise funds via permit fees and special events. Just to maintain Buder Park \$77,000 for one year in 2010. Do not know the rental from ball fields. Lease agreement is ok.

### Question and Answer Session:

- How many parks? 69 parks 12,600 acres, 4<sup>th</sup> largest in St. Louis County – employees 220.
- What is a good dollar amount? Not looking for a specific amount – pay rent on fields that are closed for events.
- Grass cutting most expensive? Yes – zone mow 2-3 times year. High grass can damage plane.
- Hedgerow – can it be reduced to 5 yards? Possibly – will discuss with Jon.
- Revenue (tax increase)– with recent scare will it be put up to a vote again? Thinking about it again but it will have to be initiated outside of county government. Also need seed money and or petition drive – 42,000-45,000 valid signatures – equals a yes vote – it is being discussed, but nothing solid. Slowing moving off of general fund.
- Many upset over permit fee – Tom Ott - no comment GSLMA business.
- Budget 20.7m 2012
- Budget 18.5 m 2013
- Any corporate sponsors for parks? No. Forest park forever as example – has been going on for years and generates allot of money and spending money on FP.

- Why are new soccer fields being raised at Buder Park? To get level - main reason. Soccer fields being moved from another location – not gaining soccer fields.
- St. Louis County has decreased tax rate many schools have increased tax rate substantially. Look at the back of the tax chart.
- Not looking to end agreement but looking to increase funds – pay to play.

Old Business:

- Legal for charging fee? – Scott Watts letter to GSLMA - now 501c3. Jon had (3) other CPA's look at it and all appears to be ok. We are not exactly to the letter of the law. Anyone interested in taking on this and get it corrected? No comment. Fee may increase next year.
- Still need to donate if possible above \$20 fee. Permit number may decrease.
- Look at having hobby shops donate to GLSLMA? Not done in past but could ask.
- Look at corporate sponsors? Martiz, Boieng, AB etc... Winston to look into.

New Business:

- Proposed field rules – bring back to club for review and comment. Approved by parks department. Please have by next meeting.
- Park reservations accepted for 2012. Parks looking for clubs to rent additional fields.
- Do we think the hedgerow can be reduced? Yes, will talk with Tom.
- Lance brought updated Buder Park colored field drawings for review.

Meeting closed 8:11pm.