

## BLACK FOREST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

September 10, 2009

Black Forest Community Hall

Present: Hank Hoover, Cheryl Pixley, Paul Douglass, Barb Remy, Carolyn Brown, Jaenette and Kristain, James & Bonnie Kruse, Nancy Reinhardt, and guests Jerry Westling, Manager-Park Maintenance Division, Parks & Leisure Services, and Jason Meyer, the new Parks Planner at El Paso County.

The meeting began at 7:15 pm

Minutes – Judi could not be present but the minutes were approved from the prior meeting.

Treasurer – Nancy- the club account has \$3,094.74 balance, checking \$2,728.82, 12 month cert \$5,796.55 & the other 12 month cert \$1,345.81 which is a total of \$12,965.92. From the festival we signed up 10 new members and sold 4 t-shirts that gave us \$240.00. We spent \$215.72 for the picnic and \$20.62 for newsletter costs.

Pineries Master Plan- Jerry Westling, said the developer has filed for bankruptcy but was supposed to transfer the 1,000 acres that had been denoted for the conservation easement over to the county and they failed to do this. Now there is much discussion going on among, El Paso County, the developer Morley, the bank and the Palmer land trust. The land in the land trust is being overseen by the Palmer Land Trust which was set up previously and it has to stay in a land trust. The county will get it no matter what.

Grant at BF Park – Jerry Westling the county will meet with the GOCO people. Originally \$300,000 was to be used as a nature center but now it has changed to maybe a new restroom or just upgrades – there will be a public process to decide. Barb had brought photos of the proposed trail area that the developer had moved down into an area with high erosion. Mr. Westling said that since the developer now has the 13 extra lots he wanted, the county is able to move the trail wherever they want it. Cheryl asked if we can get the developer to fill in the large holes that were created when he erected a fence with cement around the posts, which now will be moved. Paul and Cheryl both asked about the road crossing as it is not in a good area.

Nancy brought up BF Reserve and the Sanctuary in the Pines trail. It's been a year and half since this was discussed with Neil Katz, one of the former park planners. There will be a need for some kind of crossing for Meridian Road and the boggy areas on the west end of the existing Palmer Divide Trail. Mr. Westling agreed they will need to look at the master plan and will talk to Tim Stickel who is the county person in charge of that area.

By-laws – discussion of numerous issues. Barb likes the idea of being able to contact people by phone if they can't come and we don't have enough present for a vote. A committee of Barb, Hank and Jaenette was formed to look at possible changes that need to be made.

At our last meeting, there were not enough people present for a quorum. Hank volunteered to be interim president. A **motion** that Hank be the interim president was made and passed.

Treasurer issues: Nancy and Judi are now both on the bank account. We need to get Hank onto the account, as president. Kristain said that he might be willing to be treasurer.

Agenda for General Meeting October 8 – Discussion followed whether it would be good to have someone from the county speak. Paul pointed out that we generally have a presentation of our accomplishments of the past year. Jaenette suggested a presentation of how we accomplish things – the processes we go through, etc. We are to send agenda items to Hank if we think of other things. Paul agreed to work on ballots. A **motion** was made and passed to have BFTA pay for refreshments such as soda, vegetable tray and cookies.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Reinhardt*

In Judi Tobias' absence