

**Minutes of the Montgomery County Conservation Board  
Thursday, April 10, 2008**

**Members**

Chairman John Bartee, Jerry Allbert, Benny Skinner, Steve Joiner, Stacy Goodwin and Lathe Gaither

**Members absent**

Betty Barnett

**Others Present**

Ed Davis, Bill Mace, Brad Martin, and Charlie Riggins

**Location**

The County Conservation Board meeting took place at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 1 Millennium Plaza, Clarksville, Tenn.

**Call to Order**

Chairman John Bartee called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Allbert, seconded by Mr. Joiner, to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2008, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discussion**

Members met to discuss improvements to St. Bethlehem/Civitan Park. Brad Martin of Lyle Cook Martin Architects explained that over the years, various baseball groups came together to build components of this park. The plan up for consideration is to renovate and construct two baseball/softball quads (four-field configurations). Members then reviewed plans and estimated costs for these renovations/additions (see attached information). Mr. Martin explained that some improvements could be phased in over time, and as there is a fair amount of land available at the site, the inclusion of a trail system should perhaps be considered. Projected cost of the project is \$1.58 million (of the \$4 million approved by the Budget Committee).

While there is no master plan currently in place, Mr. Davis stated the committee needed to devise a prioritized "wish list," as all the components of the proposal could not be realized at once. After much discussion regarding the site, water diversion, the need for updated survey data/topographical maps, and how to go about the construction process, Mr. Mace, president of St. B Little League, told the

committee these improvements would be enough to match the needs of the little leagues, and that teams would be able to use the grounds this year before construction begins, probably by mid-July.

Regarding financing for this project, Ms. Goodwin told committee members the Budget Committee and County Commission already have approved funding, and projected grant funds would be in addition to any monies already budgeted. At this point, Mr. Davis reminded committee members that grant funds cannot be used for projects already under way (this is supplanting).

Members then discussed use of in-kind services and ways to bid these types of service. Mr. Davis noted this topic has been discussed at meetings of the Revenue Study Committee, and is one that should be pursued. After little more discussion,

**A motion was made by Commissioner Allbert, seconded by Mr. Joiner, to hire Mr. Martin to devise a master plan for Civitan Park and to administer the project as a professional service at a cost of \$82,990 (which includes the civil engineering fee). Motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Skinner, seconded by Commissioner Allbert, to develop the first phase of the park project, which will include the two quads, and to produce construction documents and to bid the projects out and oversee construction. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

With no further business before the committees, the meeting was properly adjourned.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be determined.

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Charlie Riggins, administrative assistant  
Montgomery County Government

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John Bartee, Chairman  
County Conservation Board