

Town of Georgetown
Parks and Recreation Commission
February 7, 2008

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on February 7, 2008 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Chairman Elaine McWain called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Chairman Elaine McWain, Vice Chairman Ryan Zabel, Beth Luther, Elaine Dunn, Robert Hodge and Peter Werlin. Also in attendance was Town Treasurer/Deputy Town Clerk Mary Sims.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 29, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

The minutes of the October 4, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. McWain requested a discussion be added to the agenda regarding the Community Center. The agenda was approved as amended.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

None

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Matt Robie of CCMRD

Mr. Robie of Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District was in attendance to present the 2008 CCMRD budget approvals for Georgetown. He distributed spreadsheets for the Ball Field and the Tennis and Multi-Purpose Court. Ms. McWain thanked CCMRD for all the new exercise equipment at the Community Center.

Mr. Robie discussed the approved items at the Ball Field which included soccer nets, a bear proof trash can, maintenance on the diamond (50 -50 with Georgetown), winterization and fertilization, spring aeration, and an additional porta potty. These items totaled \$2470. The Commission asked and Mr. Robie agreed, that the \$600 approved for the maintenance of the diamond could be spent on equipment instead.

Mr. Robie explained the items that were approved for the Tennis and Multi-purpose Court which included a pavilion for shade (50 - 50 with Georgetown), porta potty, paint concrete wall (50 - 50 with Georgetown), resurface tennis court (50 -50 with Georgetown), tennis net, trash can, skate amenities, and an additional trash can. These items totaled \$8790. There was some concern with the projects that required fifty percent match from the Town since these projects were not budgeted for 2008. Mr. Robie suggested that the Commission could discuss options of combining several projects together and inform him of any proposed changes.

Mr. Robie also distributed a letter explaining a project in progress at Elmgreen Park near the High School. The Recreation District owns the park and they are planning a new playground and improved landscaping. A GOCO grant is being written and CCMRD is asking for letters of support for the project. Mr. Werlin

moved that the Commission write a letter of support for the improvements at Elmgreen Park. Ms. Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McWain asked Mr. Robie to check on the other budget request items that the Commission had submitted to CCMRD for 2008, which were funding for Arts in the Park and Concerts in the Park. He said he would check on both requests and report to the Commission as soon as possible.

Report on Parks

Nothing to report.

Update Loveland Ski Event

Ms. Luther distributed a memo with details about the event that have been determined to date. The dates of the event will be April 12th and 13th, with the awards ceremony being held on April 12th in Strousse Park. Ms. Luther has a long list of draft ideas and “to do list” and is working closely with the Business Promotion Commission to put this event together.

Arbor Day

Ms. McWain reported that the offer to receive ten free trees from the Arbor Day Foundation had expired since the January meeting was cancelled. She suggested an organized event in the spring to plant trees, perhaps in conjunction with clean up day. Mr. Werlin will check on prices of ordering trees in quantities and ordering ahead of time. Instead of Clean Up Day, the name Trees and Trash was suggested.

Easter Egg Hunt Planning

The Commission decided that they would look for a new volunteer to take over the organization of the Easter Egg Hunt. Ms. McWain offered to create a flyer to solicit volunteers.

Moving of Monument from Library to Strousse Park

Ms. Dunn made a motion stating, “The Parks & Recreation Commission approves the moving of the monument from the library property to Strousse Park.” Ms. Luther seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Possible Donation of Park Bench

Ms. McWain reported to the Commission that Lori Hinojos, a friend of Tom Ricketson, has offered a donation of a park bench in his memory. Town Administrator Chuck Stearns has suggested placement of the bench by the creek where Tom liked to spend time. Ms. Luther moved to accept the generous donation of the park bench. Mr. Hodge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Update on Ice Rink

The Commission agreed unanimously that it was too late in the season to create an ice rink for this year. Ms. McWain stated that an action plan was needed and planning needed to be started now for next season. It was reported that Matt Robie of CCMRD was interested in helping the Commission get this project off the ground and that CCMRD would carry the liability insurance. Mr. Hodge would get in touch with Mr. Robie to discuss where to begin planning for next season. Mr. Zabel will check on obtaining a rink rake and do a test patch by the warming hut this year.

Community Center Discussion

Ms. McWain reported that the Business Promotion Commission is looking for new events to host this summer for downtown. She also said it would be productive for the Community Center staff to help with clerical and computer work.

Review of 2008 Budget

The Commission reviewed the adopted 2008 Parks & Recreation Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McWain adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elaine McWain, Chairman

Mary Sims, Town Treasurer/Deputy Clerk