

Town of Georgetown
Parks and Recreation Commission
January 20, 2005

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on January 20, 2005 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Coralue Anderson.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Coralue Anderson, Elaine Dunn, Shirley Shimon, and Doug Martin. Pete Werlin was absent. Also in attendance was recording secretary/Town Clerk Merinel Williams. Ms. Anderson acknowledged the resignation of Dustin Schaefer from the Commission.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Commission agreed to add an agenda item to consider changing its regular meeting day, and by consensus approved the agenda as amended.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

None.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Review 2004 end of year budget report and 2005 approved budget

The Commission reviewed end of year balances in its various budget lines and the 2005 budget as approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission members believed that sufficient fireworks had been purchased for both the 4th of July and New Year's Eve, yet there was no display on New Year's Eve.

It was noted that the water hoses used for City Park are currently stored in Ms. Dunn's garage. Ms. Anderson has the watering wand, and the gazebo Christmas lights and tree gaitors are in the Old Missouri.

Town of Empire request for equipment from old city park playground - recommendation to Board of Selectmen

The playground equipment removed from City Park for construction of Foster's Place is currently being stored on the Straight Creek Construction property. The Town of Empire has requested the equipment, particularly the baby swings. Ms. Anderson proposed that if any of this equipment is donated to Empire, Georgetown should require a liability release to protect the Town in the future. The Commission agreed that Ms. Shimon and Mr. Martin will inspect the equipment before the next meeting and make a recommendation as to whether all or some of it could be used in another Georgetown park, such as Triangle Park, before preparing a recommendation to the Selectmen.

2005 Projects

Clean-up day was tentatively scheduled for May 21 or June 4.

It was acknowledged that last year's summer employee, Vince Lancianese, will probably not apply for this summer's work because he is currently working a full time job elsewhere. Preferred dates for an employee to work are May 15 to September 15, so advertising for applicants should begin in late March or early April. Ms. Shimon will coordinate advertising for applicants and an interview schedule with the Town Administrator. The wage will depend on experience.

On behalf of Pete Werlin, Ms. Shimon reported that Mr. Werlin expects to have the Christmas tree on the mountain repaired and functional for the 2005 Christmas season.

Change of meeting date

Ms. Dunn stated that the third Thursday of the month, the current date for the Commission's meetings, conflicts with the regular meeting of the Garden Club. Some Commission members wish to attend both meetings, as communication between the groups is very important, particularly since the two organizations work together on several projects. By consensus, the Commission agreed to change its meeting day to the first Thursday of the month with the next meeting to be held on March 3.

Status Report on Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District Task Force

Ms. Dunn reported that the last meeting of the Task Force was on January 5, at which the County Open Space Commission described its current planning project to develop a greenway along the I-70 corridor. They would like to coordinate their efforts with the Recreation District.

The focus of the January 5 meeting was for the Task Force to identify underserved user groups and needs for new programs. Ms. Dunn informed the Task Force that Georgetown is in need of programs for children, local programs (because many do not have transportation to programs in other locations), and a long term goal would be to have a facility in Town for District programs and exercise equipment. The next Task Force meeting will be held on February 8 and the agenda will focus on intergovernmental and interagency cooperation.

Foster's Place issues

Ms. Anderson reported that \$25,000 remains to be expended on the Foster's Place project, half of which are grant funds and the other half are matching funds. Part of these funds will be used for reproduction park benches, which have been ordered.

Winter tree maintenance in City Park

On behalf of Mr. Werlin, Ms. Shimon reported that he will have the results of his research on the cost of deep root watering equipment at the next meeting. Ms. Shimon and Ms. Dunn stated that they will soon water the new trees.

Lake issues

Ms. Shimon described the ongoing need for maintenance and repairs at the lake, particularly grading parking lots and entrances, and repair of the cable fence. She has brought this issue to Town Administrators over the past several years, but the situation continues to deteriorate.

Skateboard Park

Ms. Martin volunteered that he will keep an eye on Skateboard Park now that Mr. Schaefer has resigned from the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Shimon moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting as presented. Ms. Dunn seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Martin moved, Ms. Shimon seconded and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Vice Chairman

Recording Secretary / Town Clerk