

Town of Georgetown
Parks and Recreation Commission
June 2, 2005

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on June 2, 2005 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Vice Chairman Shirley Shimon called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Shirley Shimon, Elaine Dunn, Robert Hodge, Doug Martin and Peter Werlin. Elaine McWain was absent. Also in attendance was Town Clerk Merinel Williams.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Hodge moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Dunn seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

None.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Welcome to new parks employee Joyce Ellingson - Discussion of work needed in the various parks

Ms. Shimon introduced summer parks employee Joyce Ellingson, who indicated that she is enjoying the job so far. Ms. Shimon stated that Ms. Ellingson and the Road and Bridge employees have switched trash emptying territories because of the weight of bear-proof lids on the trash receptacles in City Park. Ms. Ellingson now empties the trash in the downtown area and the Road and Bridge employees empty it in City Park. Ms. Ellingson recommended repairs of the posts and cables at the lake, and Ms. Shimon noted that the restrooms at the warming hut are now open.

Ms. Ellingson and the Commission discussed details of the various work projects that need to be done in the parks. Mr. Werlin explained that he will be asking a tree expert to examine the tree that is in distress on the east side of City Park.

Adopt A Garden Report

In Ms. McWain's absence, Ms. Shimon reviewed the list of volunteers who have adopted gardens. She explained that she is thinking about developing a xeriscape concept for the Hotel parking lot plantings. Mr. Hodge offered to contact Joe Sysel to determine if he would donate some of the river rock at Shadows Ranch. Mr. Hodge also offered to donate a roll of landscape fabric to the project.

Notification of Empire regarding old playground equipment

The Commission determined that there is no place that the old City Park playground equipment can currently be put to beneficial use, and therefore were in support of the Town of Empire's request that Georgetown donate that equipment.

Review Clean-up Day

Ms. Shimon reported that 54 volunteers helped with clean-up day. The event was a success, and a letter to the editor will be sent to the Clear Creek Courant thanking all of those who helped.

Cost of deep root watering equipment

Mr. Werlin reported that he has been unable to locate any affordable deep root watering systems. When the tree expert visits the distressed tree in City Park, Mr. Werlin will also ask that person for a recommendation on this issue.

Report on proposal for summer Tuesday Game Nights

Mr. Werlin reported that he wishes to change the game night program to Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning June 13, and to change the title to Community Game Nights as an indication that all persons are welcome to participate. He has contacted the Town's insurance agent, Bob Smith, about potential liability and Mr. Smith reports that there should not be a problem as long as the games are low impact such as badminton and croquet. Mr. Werlin will soon be in contact with a reporter from the Courant to get a story published regarding the project. He hopes this publicity will generate donations of some games.

Rules for Foster's Place

Mr. Werlin reported that he has reviewed the Board of Selectmen's adoption process for the proposed Foster's Place rules with the Town Administrator. The five rules to be considered are (1) open hours from dawn to dusk, (2) skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, or any other similar wheeled equipment will not be permitted, (3) food or drink will not be permitted, (4) smoking will not be permitted, and (5) adult supervision is strongly recommended. Wendell Pugh has volunteered to provide a sign for the rules. Mr. Werlin moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the above-stated rules be adopted. Mr. Hodge seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

City Park Benches

Mr. Werlin reported that he continues to work on the project to secure City Park benches that will be identical replicas of the originals. Additionally, many of the picnic tables that had been grouped in one area for the Foster's Place construction have been re-distributed around the park.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hodge moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2005 meeting as corrected. Ms. Dunn seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m. Mr. Martin moved, Mr. Hodge seconded and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Shirley Shimon, Vice Chairman

Merinel Williams, Town Clerk