

Town of Georgetown
Parks and Recreation Commission
MAY 5, 2005

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on May 5, 2005 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Vice Chairman Shirley Shimon called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Shimon proposed to add the following items to the agenda: (1) rules for Foster's Place, and (2) a thank you to former Commission member Coralue Anderson. Mr. Hodge moved to approved the agenda as amended. Ms. Dunn seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

None.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Notification of Empire regarding old playground equipment

Mr. Hodge agreed to trade out the swing seats between the swings in Triangle Park and the swings that were formerly in City Park. The Commission agreed to individually inspect Triangle Park before the next meeting in preparation for a discussion of improvements that are needed for that park.

Arrangements for Clean-up Day

The Commission reviewed the arrangements to date for Clean-Up Day on May 21. There will be four dumpsters: two funded from the Parks and Recreation budget, one funded by the Business Promotions Commission, and one jointly funded from the Road and Bridge and Police Department budgets. A fifth dumpster will be ordered for use by Tom Buckley at the old school. Mr. Buckley will reimburse the Town for this dumpster.

Mr. Hodge volunteered to purchase refreshments and Ms. Dunn will talk to Jenette Lacey about possible donation of coffee and the use of air pots. The Trailhead Wilderness School kids will again guard the dumpsters on Friday night. The Commission reviewed the draft poster for the event and agreed to add that residential refuse, but not appliances or hazardous waste, will be accepted after 3:00 p.m.

Ernie Dunn, Coralue Anderson and Jeff Alexander will supervise the dumpster during clean-up day and hand out coupons for treats to any children who participate. Ms. McWain and Coralue Anderson will contact the elementary school to determine if there is time and interest for the students to produce posters.

Cost of deep root watering equipment

This item was tabled as Mr. Werlin was absent.

Report on proposal for summer Tuesday Game Nights

This item was tabled as Mr. Werlin was absent.

Report on City Park Phase II Plan

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of Peter Werlin.

Employment of summer parks employee

Ms. Shimon reported that Joyce Ellington has been employed to work in the parks this summer. Her first day of work will be May 16.

City Park

Mr. Hodge offered to make temporary repairs to the fence that was removed for the construction of Foster's Place in order to prevent people from driving their cars into the park. Ms. Shimon reported that Town Administrator Chuck Stearns will contact Kimberly Knox to arrange a final clean-up of the Foster's Place project. The picnic tables are still grouped in one area from the Foster's Place project, and they need to be re-distributed around the park for summer picnic use.

Adopt A Garden report

Ms. McWain reported she has consulted with the Garden Club about this year's program. The most difficult area was reported to be the Hotel parking lot because of the necessity of dragging hoses to water the gardens. The Commission discussed developing a long term xeriscape plan for that area. Another problem in that location is people walking over the gardens in the winter and packing down the soil. The Garden Club is also moving forward with encouraging the planting of wildflowers this summer.

Rules for Foster's Place

This is largely Peter Werlin's project. Ms. Williams reminded the Commission that there is a process that must be followed for the Selectmen to adopt any park rules.

Thank you for Coralue Anderson

Ms. Shimon suggested that the Commission formally recognize Coralue Anderson's four years of service as a Commission member. Ms. Williams will prepare a certificate, which Ms. Shimon will sign on behalf of the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2005 meeting as presented. Ms. McWain seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Reports

Ms. Shimon reported that there is still much repair work that needs to be done at the lake. She also reported that the Town Administrator has approved the north triangle of City Park as the area available for reservation, and that the surface of the ball park will be aerated next week.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

Vice Chairman

Recording Secretary / Town Clerk