

Town of Georgetown
Parks and Recreation Commission
May 4, 2006

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its re-scheduled regular monthly meeting on May 4, 2006 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Vice Chairman Elaine McWain called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Elaine McWain, Elaine Dunn, Peter Werlin and Jim Blugerman. Chairman Shirley Shimon arrived at 7:40p.m. Robert Hodge and Kathy Fiebig were absent. Also in attendance was Town Treasurer Mary Sims.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting as corrected. Mr. Werlin seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

None.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Introduction and Welcome new Commission Member

Vice Chairman Elaine McWain introduced and welcomed new commission member Jim Blugerman. Mr. Blugerman said he applied for the opening because he enjoys the outdoors and that he is a returning resident to the area.

Public Hearing Regarding Rules for Lake Recreation Area

There was no one from the public present to speak at this hearing.

Rules and Regulations for Lake Area

The Commission had continued discussion on the lake area rules with input from Mr. Blugerman who attended the worksession last month. The agreement with the Division of Wildlife, which was provided by the Town Administrator, was reviewed as well. Ms. McWain expressed the desire to have the rules simplified and in a positive format. She volunteered to put together a draft to present at the June meeting.

Activity Night

Mr. Werlin made the suggestion that Activity Night be held Monday evenings from 6pm – 8pm for twelve weeks this summer beginning in June. He asked that the Commission spend up to \$300 on games and authorize the hiring of a temporary part time high school student to oversee Activity Night and be responsible for set up and clean up. This position would be 2.5 hours each Monday evening, and the rate of

pay would be \$20 per each evening. Mr. Werlin suggested that the funds for the proposed part time employee come from extra money in the salary budget for the parks employee. It was mentioned that all these proposals would first need to be approved by Chuck Stearns, Town Administrator.

Mr. Werlin moved to approve the hiring of a part time Activity Night person and the purchase of up to \$300 of games conditioned upon the approval of the Town Administrator. Elaine Dunn seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Fallen Tree Park Bench

Mr. Werlin reported that work has begun on the benches made out of the fallen tree in City Park. There will be two benches, one eighteen feet long and one eight feet long. The additional pieces will be used for the legs of the benches. This project is a work in progress.

Flagstone in City Park

Mr. Werlin reported that Ms. Fiebig, Mr. Hodge, and himself would replace the flagstone in City Park when Ms. Fiebig picks up the sand that is necessary and when time permits.

At 7:40 Ms. Shimon arrives.

Tree Ordinance Discussion

The Commission felt the creation of a tree ordinance for the Town would be very beneficial, however they felt that the creation of the ordinance should be left entirely up to the Board of Selectmen. They did not feel that the Commission had the expertise to draft the document.

Discussion of Proposal by Division of Wildlife to Provide new planting at Georgetown Lake Area

Mr. Blugerman reported that Karen Hardesty of the Division of Wildlife has contacted Town Administrator Chuck Stearns and suggested that there may be some extra money in their budget for 2005 that would need to be spent by June 30, 2006. She was thinking of possibly some new landscape plantings around Georgetown Lake. The amount could be as much as \$1000. Mr. Blugerman will update the Commission as new information is received from Ms. Hardesty.

Discussion of final details for Annual Clean-up Day, May 20

The final details for Town Clean Up Day were discussed. Ms Sims reported that four dumpsters have been ordered at \$425 each. Town Promotions will pay for one and Parks and Recreation will pay for the remaining three. Ms. McWain presented a draft poster to distribute around town to advertise the event. The name has been changed to Georgetown Pride Day. The Commission reviewed the draft poster and were all in agreement with the changes. Ms. Shimon will contact the art teacher at the elementary school to have the children draw posters to place around Town announcing the event. Ms. Shimon will also pick up the refreshments to be served on clean up day. Ms Shimon will be at the dumpster site Saturday morning to hand out the assignments to volunteers. Ms. Dunn will check with various merchants about donating prizes and/or certificates for the children's participation and then report to Ms. Shimon before May 20th. Ms. McWain will also contact the Clear Creek Courant to revise the ad in the newspaper to include the location of where to meet. Mr. Blugerman mentioned that clean up of the creek is usually done in April before the run off starts but may be able to be done later this summer after run off.

Spring Tree Spraying Discussion

Mr. Werlin reported that Lam Tree Service recommended the spraying of the three remaining spruce trees in City Park in May. The cost would be \$250 each. Mr. Werlin moved to have the remaining trees sprayed

in May with the Town Administrator's approval, Ms. Shimon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

Elaine McWain, Vice Chairman

Mary Sims, Town Treasurer