

Town of Georgetown
Parks and Recreation Commission
November 3, 2005

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on November 3, 2005 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Vice Chairman Shirley Shimon called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Shirley Shimon, Elaine McWain, Kathy Fiebig, Robert Hodge and Peter Werlin. Elaine Dunn was absent. Also in attendance was Town Treasurer/Recording Secretary Mary Sims.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Fiebig moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2005 meeting as presented. Ms. McWain seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Commission agreed to add discussion of the Tree Lighting Program, Doug Martin's resignation letter, Block 83, park benches and tree removal update to the agenda. Mr. Werlin moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hodge seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

None

Resignation of Doug Martin

Ms. Shimon reported that Doug Martin's letter of resignation was received. She expressed her appreciation for his service.

Christmas Decoration Contest

Ms. Fiebig handed out copies of the flyer she designed for the contest. Ms. Shimon reported that Elaine Dunn would recruit the judges, which would all be from out of town. It was decided that the winners would be announced at Christmas Market on December 9th at 5:00 at Strousse Park. It was also reported that the Clear Creek Chamber and Tourism Bureau will put the information about the contest on its website.

Tree Lighting Ceremony Update

Ms. Shimon will post flyers around town at local businesses announcing the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 26th, beginning at 5:30 at Strousse Park. Ms. Shimon will contact Bob Fries to set up the sound system. Ms. McWain volunteered her son Scott to help with the set up if needed. Ms. Shimon reported that the program will be as follows:

Kristi Morrell Singers

Mayor welcome

Children sing

Tree Lighting

Ms. McWain may read the legend of the Christmas tree and give the history of the tree in Strousse Park.

Thank you from the Mayor

Ms. Fiebig will contact Frank Young about dressing as St. Nicholas again this year. The Commission commented on how nice the tree on the hill looks this year and asked if the one strand of lights that is out could be repaired. Mr. Werlin volunteered to help if needed.

Rules for Multipurpose Court

The rules for the Town of Silverthorne's skate park were distributed and reviewed by the Commission. It was noted that Silverthorne has an ordinance for helmet use and violators are ticketed. Mr. Werlin said he would like to have the same ordinance for Georgetown's skate park. Ms. Shimon suggested to table the discussion on multipurpose court rules to a future meeting and the Commission agreed. It was noted that the rules would need to be posted before the weather gets warm again.

Flagstone Removal Update

Ms. Fiebig reported that sand is available from the Town Shop and that she would be willing to pick it up and help Mr. Werlin and Mr. Hodge place the flagstone in City Park when they were available.

Park and Lake Permit Reservations

The Commission reviewed the lake reservation calendar for the winter months. It was noted that the Town receives \$150 per day for each permit. Ms. Shimon expressed how pleased she was with the full schedule.

Update on Restroom Facilities for Winter Months

It was reported that the Warming Hut restrooms would be open all winter. They have received new heaters and partitions. Ms. Shimon will be asking for an update of the status of the Sheep Viewing Station restrooms from the Town Administrator.

Foster's Place Bench Update

Mr. Werlin reported that the six new park benches in City Park have arrived and they look great. Ms. Sims reported that the grant close out paperwork for Foster's Place has been submitted to Colorado Great Outdoors.

Tree Removal Update

Mr. Werlin reported that the spruce tree in City Park has been removed and was heavily infested with spruce beetles and red turpentine beetles. Ms. Fiebig submitted a diagnostic report from the Jefferson County Extension Office, where she had taken samples of the insects. The remaining spruce trees in the park will be sprayed in the spring at the cost of \$200 per tree.

Ms. Shimon brought in an application for a 2006 Colorado Tree Coalition Grant and asked that Mr. Werlin fill out the paperwork for the 50/50 match grant. The Commission will have a representative at the November 22nd Board of Selectmen meeting to ask permission to apply for this grant.

Block 83 discussion

Mr. Hodge asked for feedback from the Commission on the purchase of Block 83. He reported that currently there is \$24,000 budgeted for 2006 for the purchase of this property. He noted that the majority of citizens he has spoken to are against the purchase of this property. He said that he supports the concept but does not feel that 2006 is the year to spend this amount of money with the tight budget already. Mr. Werlin asked what the appraisal amount was and Mr. Hodge reported \$190,000. Mr. Werlin suggested that the sellers be asked to make an in kind donation to the Town for the down payment amount and volunteered to speak with them. Mr. Hodge said that he would report at the next Board of Selectmen meeting that the Commission is not adamantly for or against the purchase, but they do have concerns and question about the development and maintenance of the property.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Hodge moved, Ms. Shimon seconded and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Shirley Shimon, Vice Chairman

Mary Sims, Town Treasurer