

Town of Georgetown  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
March 5, 2009

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on March 5, 2009 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Chairman Elaine McWain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Chairman Elaine McWain, Vice Chairman Ryan Zabel, Ian Maxwell, Elaine Dunn and Beth Luther. Members Peter Werlin, Robert Hodge and Alternate Ellen Elliott were absent. Also in attendance was Town Treasurer/Deputy Town Clerk Mary Sims.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. McWain asked that a discussion about a possible change in meeting day be added to the agenda. She also requested to add an update on Werlin Park. The agenda was approved as amended.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

None.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Report

The Commission reported that there has been little use in the parks due to the cold weather with the exception of Foster's Place and Werlin Park. There was a concern about the lights being on all night in City Park Gazebo. Road and Bridge Superintendent Brian Carlson will be notified and asked to check the electrical box. It was also reported that a few of the Mutt Mitt dispensers are completely empty. Brian Carlson will be advised and asked to restock them.

Square Dance

Ms. McWain reported that there will be no charge to use the Community Center for this event. Don Weber will provide coffee and lemonade. Ms. McWain distributed flyers for the event. She has also arranged for babysitting for younger children at the cost of \$4.00 per hour. She has purchased games and projects to entertain the children. Prizes have been bought for the children and Ms. Luther has collected items and put together five gift basket prizes for adults. Set up for the event will begin on Thursday and Friday with Ms. McWain and Ms. Elliott and again on Saturday morning with Ms. McWain, Ms. Luther and Mr. Zabel participating.

Strousse Park Improvements

Ms. McWain discussed the suggested changes for the park with Town Administrator Cory Nicholson. The Commission decided that they are open for written suggestions for their approval although the Parks and Recreation Commission does not have funds available at this time. The Commission is requesting specific plans to discuss for funding in the 2010 Budget. Ms. McWain asked the Commission's approval to write to the Business Promotion Commission outlining the Parks and Recreation Commission requests stating that

they were open to proposals for specific improvements with cost estimates and engineering to assure that the existing structure is sound and will be able to handle the changes and that the electrical system is up to code. Ms. Luther moved to approve the letter as described by Ms. McWain to the Business Promotion Commission. Ms. Dunn seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### Tree Spraying and City Park Improvements

Ms. Sims reported that the 2009 spraying schedule has been received and approved. Ms. McWain reported that she has discussed with Town Administrator Cory Nicholson the possibility of Marvin Geisness's offer of trimming trees in City Park. She will follow up with Mr. Geisness.

Items budgeted for 2009 were discussed. They included clean up and level paths in City Park, put down recycled asphalt on the City Park paths, plant bushes along Rose Street fence in City Park, install protective fencing around large spruce in City Park to protect roots, patching and reseeding area in all parks and stump removal. Mr. Zabel brought up the possibility of water restrictions and the possible delay in reseeding and planting the bushes if this occurs.

#### Clean Up Day

The date for Clean Up Day was confirmed as May 16<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should report to Pizza Park at 7:45 a.m. Ms. Luther has arranged for five dumpster from Timberline Disposal, free of charge. The Town will have to pay the disposal fees. It was discussed that a new electronics recycler needs to be found. Ms. Sims will notify Our Gang 4 Wheeler Club as to the date. Ms. Luther will arrange for the chain gang to participate.

#### Werlin Park Update

Ms. Luther reported that she is still working on grants and options to renovate the park.

#### Community Garden Discussion

Ms. McWain and Town Administrator Cory Nicholson will be looking around Town for a suitable lot for this future project. Ms. McWain mentioned that fencing might be an obstacle.

#### Parks Technician Job Description

Ms. Luther reported that Town Administrator Cory Nicholson would be revising the job description for the Parks Technician. Ms. Luther will e-mail Mr. Nicholson the suggestions from the Commission.

#### 2009 Budget Review

The budgeted was reviewed.

#### Discussion on possible change in meeting day

Ms. McWain reported that Mr. Werlin will be unable to attend Parks and Recreation Commission meetings until June. He is requesting that the meeting time be changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Commission members will consider the request. Ms. Sims mentioned that Mr. Werlin has not submitted his letter requesting reappointment to the Commission. Ms. McWain said that she would remind him again to do so.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McWain adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Elaine McWain, Chairman

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Mary Sims, Town Treasurer/Deputy Clerk