

Town of Georgetown
Parks and Recreation Commission
October 2, 2008

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on October 2, 2008 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, Elaine Dunn, Robert Hodge and Peter Werlin. Beth Luther was absent. Also in attendance was Town Treasurer/Deputy Town Clerk Mary Sims.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting were unavailable.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. McWain requested adding a discussion on tree trimming by volunteers. The agenda was approved as amended.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS

Resident Ian Maxwell of 1300 Main Street was present to comment on the Tennis Court resurfacing. He said that the new surface looked good and was concerned about skateboards and bicycles destroying it. It was discussed to erect signs to keep bicycles and skateboards on the upper court only. It was suggested that the court be locked and users to sign out keys at Town Hall. It was requested that the Police Department monitor this area.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Presentation regarding the Ball Field by Police Judge Tom Bennhoff

Selectmen John Jackson was in attendance to present Police Judge Bennhoff's proposal for a dog park at the ball field. It is proposed to enclose the ball field in order for dogs to have a place to run without a leash.

Ms. McWain stated that the dog waste has decreased drastically since the mutt mitts were provided at the ball field. She also suggested that the ball field be exempt from the leash law.

Mr. Werlin said he has spoken to several citizens who would also like to see the fence extended to enclose the entire park, and the park then exempted for the leash law.

Mr. Jackson also discussed the need for restrooms in the downtown area. Ms. McWain stated that she thought that Police Judge Bennhoff wanted the restrooms at the ball field where the bleachers are now located. Mr. Werlin commented that the restroom project is several years away and the Commission needs to be confident that the funds will be available to maintain them.

Mr. Jackson commented that the new park next to the Library looks great.

Ms. McWain expressed to Mr. Jackson that the repair of the retaining wall in the ball field is top priority for the Commission. She also said that she is working on getting bids for a sprinkler system in City Park.

Report on Town Parks

Nothing to report

Clematis Spraying

Ms. McWain reported that spraying for this year has been completed. It was shortened due to the unavailability of the County's spray truck for use on private property. She expressed thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this ongoing project.

Volunteer for tree trimming

Citizen Marvin Geisness has volunteered to trim the trees in City Park sometime in mid October. He feels that this is necessary to make the pathways more accessible. Mr. Werlin commented that Lam Tree Service bid includes trimming and he would like to get advice from Lam Tree Service before allowing any volunteers to trim trees.

Big Horn Sheep Festival

There was nothing to report due to the absence of Ms. Luther.

Town Decoration - 11th Street Bridge

Ms. McWain will email members the time and date for decorating the 11th Street Bridge. She urged anyone available to come and help. It will be scheduled sometime after Halloween.

Tree Lighting and Town Decorating Contest

The following tasks were assigned:

Mr. Werlin - arrange for the singers

Mr. Hodge - bonfire and St. Nicholas

Mr. Zabel - posters

Ms. Dunn - solicit donations for prizes and food and arrange for electricity for the stage

Ms. Luther - arrange for judges and sound system, contact KGOAT

Ms. McWain - sound permit, mayor, contact newspaper

2008 Budget Review

Did not review.

Discussion of 2009 Budget

Did not review.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McWain adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elaine McWain, Chairman

Mary Sims, Town Treasurer/Deputy Clerk