

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission
Bentley Park
June 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chairman Brown

Roll call was taken by Anita Kimbrough, ex officio

Members Present: Kevin Brown, Marsha Ladd, and Don Moore

Members Absent: Richard Theile and Michael Wojtkowicz.

Approve Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Ladd and supported by Commissioner Moore. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Approve Minutes from May 27, 2008 Special meeting:

Minutes from the May 27, 2008 meeting were left out of the Commissioners' packets by mistake and will need to be approved at the July 28, 2008 meeting.

Mrs. Kimbrough announced that Commissioner Richard Theile has resigned his position on the Commission. Mrs. Kimbrough indicated that she would be in contact with Mayor Bruff to appoint a replacement. All Commissioners noted they would think about possible replacements or recommendations for Mayor Bruff.

Skate Park Discussion

Commissioner Ladd noted that she has not heard anything from Justin Eppler from last month's presentation on the Skate Park on fundraising opportunities. She indicated that she would try to reach Mr. Eppler. Commissioner Ladd also researched possible grants and presented two grant opportunities to the Commission. She noted that she would be speaking with Mr. Eppler concerning the grant possibilities.

Commissioner Brown indicated that this project will take a couple years to complete and he understands that continued support from the same youth will be difficult to retain. Commissioner Ladd said that the only way is to keep talking to the interested youth to retain their support.

Citizen/ Commissioner Comments:

City Manager, Joe Fivas, asked the Commissioners for other ideas for outlets for youth recreation besides the skate park. Commissioner Ladd indicated that there is a real lack of a structured recreation program within the City besides those of the YMCA. Additionally, she added that the parks are not marketed very well, so the youth does not know what is available.

A general discussion on the social obligation of the City to provide parks and recreation to the citizens was had.

Commissioner Brown inquired when items need to be presented to the City Council about getting a millage approved for Holman Pool. Mr. Fivas indicated that to get an item on the November ballot that the item will need to be approved by Council by August. Commissioner Brown noted that the Commission should start a process to get the City Council to approve adding a millage to the November ballot. He asked that a work session for a presentation for City Council on a Holman Pool millage be added to next meeting's agenda.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Moore. The motion was supported by Commissioner Ladd. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission is July 28, 2008 to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Anita Kimbrough
Secretary and Ex officio member