

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board

June 9, 2010

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held in the first floor conference room of the Town's Annex building on Wednesday June 9, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Cindy Neely, Chair.

Members Present

Cindy Neely
Cameron Martin
Jim McIntosh
Mary Ann Finn
Gail Stanford
Jesse Hargrave
Councilor Jamie Thomson, ex officio member

Members Absent

Elizabeth Baxter
Alex Brown, ex officio member

Town Staff Present

Luan Mitchell

Members of the Public Present

None

Approval of May 12, 2010, Minutes

Mr. McIntosh moved to approve the Minutes as written. Ms. Finn seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 5:30 pm at the public swimming pool. In case of rain, the meeting will be held in the conference room at the town hall annex as usual.

Public Input

None

Report from Chair

Ms. Neely reported on her last meeting with Alex Brown on April 22nd. He told her they are still working on the Slout Farm purchase to connect the San Vicente trail. The rebuild of Penny Park has been postponed as Gwen Jones was given 45 days to get a group of volunteers. Ms. Neely will ask Alex for an update. She passed out a flyer about the pool and suggested bringing in info about town recreational opportunities for board members to have. She also passed around a "Share the Road" brochure she got in Tucson regarding bicycles and motorcycles.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Finn presented the layout of the parks directory and it was admired by all.

There will be a town council strategic planning meeting on June 28th and the board needs to present its goals with a systems-based approach. Per Mr. Thomson, any goal that satisfies multiple interests such as Parks and Rec's along with the flood plain manager's, would be much more valuable. After much discussion, Jim McIntosh moved that we recommend that the town acquire easements in floodplains as a means of expanding our town trails and parks system, consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and the current flood plain management system. Ms. Stanford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Stanford suggested fixing the tennis courts should be one of the goals. After lengthy discussion, Ms. Stanford moved to recommend as a strategic goal that we suggest that the town focus Parks and Rec resources on maintaining, rehabilitating and promoting existing facilities such as the tennis courts, swimming pool and the recreation center. Mr. Hargrave seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

To set in motion a process to create and fund the position of a Parks and Recreation Coordinator was suggested as goal #3. Mr. Martin moved to approve; Mr. McIntosh seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Goal #4 was agreed as, to develop a comprehensive tree management program. Ms. Stanford moved to accept the goal. Mr. Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rebuild Penny Park as soon as possible while encouraging community involvement was accepted unanimously as goal #5 after a motion by Mr. Martin and a second by Mr. McIntosh.

(There followed some discussion on combating childhood obesity with recreation, but I did not hear any conclusion.)

Trees and streets as recreation facilities was talked about but tabled.

Mr. Martin agreed to write a letter to Alex Brown to recommend Shauna McCosh's request to place a Phoenix mural in an appropriate size at Penny Park. Mr. McIntosh moved to accept; Mr. Martin seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Ms. Finn announced a mini-triathlon on August 7th.

Submitted by Luan Mitchell

Approved by Cindy Neely, Chair, on _____ 2010
