

Town of Pleasant Garden
Recreation Board

January 25, 2011
Kirkman Municipal Building
4920 Alliance Church Road

Minutes
Regular Meeting

*This document is a compilation.
The electronic recording of this meeting constitutes the official minutes.*

Attendance:

Steve Brandt
Jack Cox
Leslie Dula
Ethel Hood
Beth Moore

Also in Attendance

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Strickland, Council Liaison
Mayor Bill Greene
Town Administrator/Clerk, Sandy Carmany
Assistant Clerk, Linda Baker

Audience

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Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Strickland called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Pro Tem Strickland gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Strickland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oaths of Office

Town Administrator /Clerk Sandy Carmany administered the Oath of Office to all members of the Recreation Board.

Roll Call

Assistant Clerk Linda Baker called the roll. Five members were in attendance; a quorum was present.

Election of Chairman

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Strickland asked for nominations for the election of the chairman. Steve Brandt nominated Les Dula. Les Dula nominated Steve Brandt. There were no further nominations.

There was one vote for Mr. Dula (*Brandt*).

There were four votes for Mr. Brandt (*Cox, Dula, Hood and Moore*); Mr. Brandt did not vote. Steve Brandt was elected as chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman

Mayor Pro Tem Strickland asked for nominations for the election of the vice chairman. Ethel Hood nominated Beth Moore. There were no further nominations. There were four votes for Beth Moore (*Brandt, Cox, Dula and Hood*); Ms. Moore did not vote. Beth Moore was elected as vice chairman.

Chairman Steve Brandt presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of the November 17, 2010 Minutes

**MOVED by Beth Moore to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting.
APPROVED, 5-0.**

Recreation Board 2010 Year-In-Review

Chairman Steve Brandt gave an in-depth overview of the events that occurred during the year. Mr. Brandt expressed appreciation to everyone for helping make 2010 a success. Chairman Brandt stated the lack of volunteers and the difficulty in publicizing events were two main problems for the Recreation board.

Unfinished Business

A. Review/assessment of the 2010 Christmas Parade - Chairman Brandt commented that having the parade on Sunday afternoon was well-received but thought changing the start time to later might work better to avoid any conflicts with church. Mr. Brandt also discussed the situation with floats not being decorated when they arrived and how best to address that.

Town Administrator /Clerk Sandy Carmany commented that lack of manpower was a problem at the soccer field as well as cars parking where floats were designated to be.

Assistant Clerk Linda Baker suggested having more time to organize the line-up.

Mayor Bill Greene commented the snow the day before the parade could have been a factor in floats not being decorated and said more time is needed to decorate floats once they arrive.

New Business

A. Discussion of the Town Council's proposed amendment to the Town Ordinance regarding the length and staggering of board members' terms - Currently members of town boards are appointed for a one-year term. The town council is considering amending the Town Ordinance to create two-year staggered terms and is requesting input from board members. Chairman Brandt liked the idea of staggered terms. There was discussion among members about serving two year terms.

Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany explained how the one and two-year terms would be determined.

The Recreation board was agreeable to the proposed amendment.

- B. Soccer Policy - Attorney William Hill drafted a policy for review and discussion of the soccer program. Once the board approves the policy, it will be placed on Town Council's agenda for discussion and adoption.

Chairman Steve Brandt informed Brent Lewis he will attend the initial meetings with the coaches and parents to make sure they understand the rules and regulations.

There was discussion about items that need to be revised or omitted in the draft policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Strickland suggested having all parents sign a code of conduct and everyone agreed.

- C. Equipment Use Policy - Attorney Hill drafted a policy for review and the Recreation board has been asked to make recommendations to the Town Council. Chairman Brandt said he has a problem with the policy as it is currently written and suggested referring back to town council for revisions.

Town Administrator/Clerk Sandy Carmany commented she had discussed the discrepancies with Attorney Hill.

- D. Discussion of board goals for 2011 - Chairman Steve Brandt commented this board has all it can handle with the current events but would not be opposed to having another concert. Chairman Brandt informed the board he wanted each member to chair an event this year and asked them to think about which one they would be interested in. If members do not volunteer he will assign an event to them.

- E. Approval of 2011 Event Dates:

1. Independence Day Event- Saturday, June 25
2. Pet Day- Saturday, October 8
3. Veterans Appreciation Day- Sunday, November 6
4. Christmas Parade- Sunday, December 4

MOVED by Chairman Steve Brandt to do Saturday, June 25 for the Independence Celebration; Sunday, November 6 for the Veterans Appreciation and Sunday, December 4 for the Christmas parade. APPROVED, 5-0.

Assistant Clerk Baker will contact Southeast Lifestyle to inquire about the date for Fun Fest to make sure there is no conflict with October 8 for Pet Day and report back to the board.

Mr. Brandt requested the Town Administrator/Clerk send out RFPs for the Independence Day fireworks.

Public Comment

None

MOVED by Chairman Steve Brandt to close the Public Comment period. APPROVED, 5-0.

Staff Comment

Assistant Clerk Baker welcomed everyone back and said she is looking forward to working with them again.

Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany suggested the board start discussing their budget requests at their next monthly meeting.

Board Comments

Board members thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment

Chairman Steve Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Assistant Clerk

Date

Chairman