

Town of Pleasant Garden
Recreation Board
May 19, 2008
Kirkman Municipal Building
4920 Alliance Church Road

Minutes
Special Meeting

Attendance:

Steve Brandt
Jan Cox
John Furlough

Also in Attendance

Board Liaison/Councilman Bob Wyrick
Sandy Carmany, Town Administrator/Clerk
Brent Lewis, former Recreation Board Chairman

Audience

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Call to Order

Board Liaison/Councilman Bob Wyrick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Board Liaison/Councilman Wyrick gave the invocation.

Steve Brandt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Cristina Bragg, Chris Culler, and Brent Lewis resigned from the Recreation Board the previous week.

Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany called the roll. The three remaining members of the Recreation Board were in attendance; a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Mr. Brandt to approve the agenda, seconded by Jan Cox. APPROVED, 3-0.

Reorganization Plan

Board Liaison/Councilman Wyrick stated that the main purpose of the meeting was to elect a chairman and then to seek volunteers and other board members so that the Recreation Board could continue to function. He opened the floor for nominations for chairman.

MOVED by Mrs. Cox to nominate Steve Brandt, seconded by John Furlough. APPROVED, 2-0
(Mr. Brandt abstained).

Chairman Brandt assumed control of the meeting. He stated that the meeting was called to regroup and focus. There are events coming up that are bigger than the Board; in addition, budget figures should be reviewed before the Town Council meeting. All boards serve at the pleasure of the Town Council as it
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should be, and the Board needs to find out if the Town Council has changed any of the plans for the Recreation Board so we can move on. Will the seven seats be retained or reduced to five? The three remaining members will proceed for now; Ms. Cox will be resigning at the end of the month for health reasons. Chairman Brandt noted he may be handicapped or perhaps it is a bonus that he is a “newbie” on the Board with no preconceived notions.

Chairman Brandt stated the first event coming up would be the July 4th celebration and he felt that the fireworks should and must go on. Due to the lack of volunteers, it will be difficult to go forward with all the previously discussed activities. He suggested the Board proceed with the fireworks, the Car Show, and the One Stop Shop at the Community Center coordinated by Judy Wyrick. In response to a question from Chairman Brandt, Brent Lewis shared that Streetfeet had been confirmed; there should not be any problem in cancelling them since nothing has been signed. No contract has been signed for the inflatables at this point either. Chairman Brandt stated he did not want to pull out, but pull back, and come back next year better than ever. John Furlough stated he agreed since this event is very labor intensive, and it would be better to do less and do it well, rather than try to do everything half-heartedly. Board Liaison/Councilman Wyrick suggested that the Board make a formal notification to the Town Council about what the Board is planning to do. Mr. Furlough said he would like to leave the window open in order to promote the event such as finding a DJ to come out and play music leading up to the fireworks.

Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany noted that the Recreation Board’s regular meeting is scheduled next week for May 27, and these ideas can be discussed and planned during the next week to make decisions at that time. Board Liaison/Councilman Wyrick shared that the Pleasant Garden Lion’s Club needed the traffic generated by the July 4th events to make the One Stop Shop worthwhile; if the activities are scaled back, the Lions probably will not conduct the One Stop Shop.

MOVED BY Chairman Brandt that Streetfeet be contacted to arrange cancellation of their performance on July 5, seconded by Ms. Cox. **APPROVED, 3-0.** Other planning details will be discussed and decided at the next meeting.

Board Liaison/Councilman Wyrick said he would contact Joel Ellington regarding the Car Show and report back next week. He stated that permission should be obtained from the Gardner family for the fireworks event because their property is in the fallout zone. From the audience, Brent Lewis said that Sgt. Rick Lawrence should be contracted to arrange for the Explorers to assist with parking and that Alliance Church Road should be closed to through traffic from Ryegate to the four-way stop for safety reasons during the fireworks event. In response to a question about an agreement with the Pleasant Garden Community Center for use of their property for this event, Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany said she had been in contract with Kim Rayle about this but nothing has been completed at this time. Mr. Lewis stated there was only a gentleman’s agreement last year. Chairman Brandt will inform Brenda’s that their inflatables will not be needed this year.

Budget Discussion

Chairman Brandt noted that the Recreation Board worked on the 2008-09 budget request at its last meeting and came up with the bottom line; Mr. Lewis filled in the details for soccer. Mr. Lewis and Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany took care of a couple of changes that were needed. Mr. Furlough asked to see the itemized breakdown for the Recreation Board.

Public Comment

Nancy Jo Smith of PO Box 295 in Pleasant Garden asked Mr. Lewis to explain the “Soccer Program Improvements” line for \$12,000 on page 4 of the draft budget. Chairman Brandt responded that the line was added to cover capital projects such as gravel for the driveways and parking lots or other

unanticipated capital needs. Board Liaison/Councilman Wyrick explained that the name of this item and its location was changed from the previous year's budget.

Chris Johnson of 1700 Sparrow Drive said she appreciated Mr. Brandt standing up to the plate and she will be glad to help wherever she can. Chairman Brandt responded that he will need her help.

Anne Hice of 6759 Kearney Road stated she dittoed that and noted that the Senior Luncheon expenses had been removed from the Recreation Board's expenses.

MOVED BY Chairman Brandt to close public comments, seconded by Mr. Furlough. **APPROVED, 3-0.**

Board Comment

Mr. Furlough thanked Mr. Brandt for taking over as chairperson and said he looked forward to working with him. This Board is seeking guidance and funding from the Town Council and will be reaching out to draw in more volunteers and Board members to spread the responsibilities around. He wished Ms. Cox well.

Mrs. Cox said she enjoyed her almost two terms on the Board. She had said she would serve as long as there were no politics, and we do have some. She once could do ten pies with ten fingers but now has to narrow it down a bit. She would like to stay around and help out at any time she can. Pet Day needs to be done. She has two people who are really thinking about helping; this is a working board. She thanked everyone.

Chairman Brandt thanked everyone for their support and their past service. Time will be a constraint for him but he will do his best. New members are needed for this Board which is probably the most active, visible board. He moved to Pleasant Garden for a reason and this is why he wants to stay here.

Staff Comment

Board Liaison/Councilman Wyrick thanked Ms. Cox for her service and wished her well with her health problems. He thanked Chairman Brandt and Mr. Furlough for what they will be doing; he said he would do everything he could to help them. He also thanked Brent Lewis, Cristina Bragg and Wendy O'Brien for their efforts in the past.

Adjournment

MOVED by Mr. Furlough to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Cox. **APPROVED, 3-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm

Clerk

Date

Chair