

Town of Pleasant Garden
Recreation Board
July 22, 2008, 7:00pm
Kirkman Municipal Building
4920 Alliance Church Road

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Attendance:

Chairman Steve Brandt
John Furlough

Also in Attendance

Council Liaison Bob Wyrick (*arrived at 7:30 pm*)
Sandy Carmany, Town Administrator/Clerk
Linda Baker, Assistant Clerk

Audience

Mayor Anne Hice
Councilwoman Chris Johnson
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Call to Order

Chairman Steve Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

John Furlough gave the invocation.

Mr. Furlough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Chairman Steve Brandt to approve the agenda, seconded by John Furlough.
APPROVED, 2-0**

Approval of Minutes

**MOVED by Chairman Steve Brandt to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 regular meeting,
seconded by John Furlough. APPROVED, 2-0.**

Mr. Furlough stated that he would have to leave at 7:45pm and Chairman Brandt altered the agenda to address the business items first.

Unfinished Business

A. Lora Cabbage: Lora Cabbage was unable to join the board due to prior commitments. There has been a new applicant who will hopefully be approved by Town Council at their August 12 meeting.

B. Farmer's Market: (delayed to the August 26 meeting)

C. July 4th Celebration: Pleasant Garden has traditionally held its celebration the Saturday before July 4th to avoid competing with Greensboro's festivities. In 2009, this would be on Saturday, June 27, 2009 since the July 4 falls on a Saturday. The expenses for Pleasant Garden's event is usually split between two fiscal years, but with the June 27 date, all of the 2009 expenses would fall into the 2008-09 fiscal year. Approximately \$4,000 from the 2008 celebration has already been used from the 2008-09 budget, leaving a balance of \$6,000 which will not be enough for all the usual activities. Kim Rayle at the Pleasant Garden Community Center needs to know when the event will be held so she can release dates for other bookings. Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany suggested that the Town Council could amend the 2008-09 budget to allocate additional funds from the reserves to provide the full \$10,000 for the 2009 event.

MOVED by Chairman Brandt to hold the 2009 Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 27, 2009 pending the Town Council's approval of a budget amendment, seconded by John Furlough. APPROVED, 2-0.

New Business

A Soccer: Chairman Brandt had asked the Town Council to table their discussion of the use of the Idol field at their last meeting until he could do some research. Questions were raised as to what the effects would be if the Idol field was not available in the upcoming year. Soccer Commissioner Brent Lewis stated that there were a total of four teams that use the field on a regular basis and approximately four or five teams that used it occasionally. This field needs some work and has always been maintained by the soccer program. Commissioner Lewis felt that it would hurt the relationship with the school if the Town did not continue to provide goals as in the past.

Mr. Furlough asked why there was an issue with Idol field. Mayor Hice stated that Guilford County school system does not have anything on file in regards to a "shared use agreement" and that liability was the main issue. Chairman Brandt and John Furlough requested a copy of the "shared use agreement" for their review. Mayor Hice stated that we have liability insurance for soccer on town property only at this time. She noted that the Town pays to have the fields mowed and maintained as well as for the port-a-johns that are placed there while the field is used only for a limited amount of time. Chairman Brandt recommended that the Idol field issue be tabled until next month and to ask the Town Council to address the issue at their September meeting to give everyone time to review the issues. Mr. Brandt suggested not scheduling any practices on Idol field in the fall until a decision has been made and that the soccer goals be removed until the issue is resolved due to liability issues. Commissioner Lewis stated that he will make sure that the goals are moved before school starts. John Furlough requested that the Recreation Board be notified beforehand if there is an issue involving soccer that needs to be discussed.

Soccer Registration: There was extensive discussion about copying of the soccer registration forms after Cristina Bragg and Brent Lewis expressed frustration with the current process when copies were not made immediately during onsite registration. Town Clerk/Administrator had offered to make the copies later, but the offer was declined. It was agreed that the process will be reviewed before registration for the next soccer season begins. Possible solutions include moving the Town's old copier into the soccer office for volunteers' use when the new one is purchased or asking a third person to assist in making copies during onsite registration to avoid delays.

Mr. Furlough left the meeting at 7:45pm. A quorum was no longer present and no business could be conducted. The remaining agenda items were delayed to the August 26 meeting. Informal discussion continued between Chairman Brandt and persons in the audience, but no action was taken.

B. Fall Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up: (delayed to the August 26 meeting)

C. Pet Day (October 11, 2008): (delayed to the August 26 meeting)

Public Comment

None

Staff Comment

None

Board Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:04pm.

Assistant Clerk

Date

Chair