

Town of Pleasant Garden
Recreation Commission
January 23, 2007
Kirkman Municipal Building
Next meeting scheduled for 02/27/07.

Minutes
Regular Meeting

In attendance

Georgia Amick
Jan Cox
Chris Culler
Brent Lewis
Mary Ann McNabb
Brenda Patterson
Judy Wyrick

Also in attendance

LeKeshia Franklin/Asst. Town Clerk
Eddy Patterson/Council Liaison

Audience

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Patterson.
An invocation given was given by Patterson.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
A quorum was present.

The Oaths of Office were given by Eddy Patterson, Town Councilman.

Election of Chair

Patterson opened up the floor for nominations for Chair. Brenda Patterson nominated Wyrick. McNabb seconded the motion; 7/0 the motion carried.

Election of Vice-Chair

Patterson opened up the nominations for vice-chair. Wyrick nominated Lewis. McNabb seconded the motion; 7/0 the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

November 27, 2006 minutes were presented.
Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2006 meeting, Cox seconded the motion; 7/0 the motion carried.

New Business

Wyrick asked board members to introduce themselves and to tell which event they would be interested in chairing.

Georgia Amick – I like being involved in the town but not the politics part of it and this is the only board that does not include politics. It was difficult working on the board last year because there was very little help. I would prefer to help with any of the small events.

Jan Cox – I was talked into being on the board by Wyrick. I have worked with the town a lot in the past and I would be interested in working with the Farmers Market.

Chris Culler – My main interest in the town is the soccer program. I would like to see the integrity of the programs kept in tact. This is a good time for the town and I feel like the fun should be put back into everything.

Brent Lewis – I have a recreation background and I work with the soccer program. I would like to work on the Independence Day Celebration and the Christmas Parade. I love to cook so I will help out with the Firemen's Appreciation Dinner. I feel that we should provide quality programs for the kids, parents, as well as others in the town. I would like to bring ownership to the events and keep people excited.

Mary Ann McNabb – My main focus is the Veterans Day Program. I want that program to continue to get stronger every year so that the Veterans know that we appreciate them.

Brenda Patterson – I have never been involved but I have always helped out.

Judy Wyrick – I love partying, the more the merrier. I like the Independence Day celebration and I love Christmas so I would like to take it on with a co-chair.

Special Event Dates

- Independence Day – Saturday, June 30, 2007
(Wyrick & Lewis will co-chair event)

Patterson, can everyone do this date so that a commitment can be made for fireworks? Wyrick, We will need to decide on a date because the companies are getting booked quotes are enclosed in your folders. Lewis, a way to do a rain date regarding staging would be to only do fireworks if the first date is rained out. McNabb, are three quotes needed for a town sponsored event? Wyrick, yes.

Wyrick motioned for the Independence Day celebration to be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007 with a rain date of Saturday July 7, 2007 in going with Zambelli's for the fireworks; Seconded by McNabb. 7/0 the motion carried.

Discussion: Culler, if it is held on July 7th is that for fireworks only? Wyrick, yes.

- 5-K Run & 1-Mile Fun Run (Board will team up to work on event together)
1st Choice = September 15th / 2nd Choice = September 8th / 3rd Choice = September 22
(Will contact Off-n-Running for availability)

McNabb, was it well attended last year? Wright, yes it is Mr. Tripps baby and runners will come. Wyrick, were the streets closed? Wright, no. McNabb, who was the benefactor of this event? Wright, the Pleasant Garden Elementary School, P.E. Department. Culler, what did they use it for? Wright, equipment. Culler, we have time to decide between now and then who should get it this year. Lewis, I feel it should still go to the school.

Wyrick motioned to enter three dates for the 5-K Run and 1-Mile Fun Run to the company Off-n-Running for availability and to include Mr. Henry Tripp; Seconded by Culler. 7/0 the motion carried.

Discussion: E. Patterson, this event should be included in the budget for next year.

- Firemen's Appreciation Dinner – TBA (Amick & Lewis will Co Chair)
(Will check with Fire Department on a date in September on a Wednesday)

Culler, what does event entail? Wyrick, dinner and a plaque. Will we include everyone from last year? Amick, I feel that we should.

Wyrick motioned to support the Firemen's Appreciation Dinner and to include the EMS and Sheriff's Deputies depending on a date; Seconded by Amick. 7/0 the motion carried.

- Pet Day – TBA (Cox is Chair of this event)
1st Choice = October 6 / 2nd Choice = October 13 / 3rd Choice = October 20
(Will check with GC Animal Control for an available date)

Cox, what does this event entail? Wyrick, gives cats and dogs rabbi shots and microchips at a discounted cost. Cox, I will be the chair of this event with proper guidance. Wyrick, LeKeshia has put information regarding each event on a disk.

Wyrick motioned to accept the following dates for availability for Pet Day Saturday, October 6th, 13th, or 20th; Seconded by Amick. 7/0 the motion carried.

- Veteran's Day Program – Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

McNabb- The program falls on the actual date this year.

Wyrick, motioned to do program again this year on Sunday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m. and to set-up on Saturday, November 10th; Seconded by Cox. 7/0 the motion carried.

- Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 1, 2007
(Wyrick, Lewis, and B. Patterson will all work on event)

McNabb, this event is always held on the first Saturday of December.

Wyrick motioned for the Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday, December 1;
Seconded by McNabb. 7/0 the motion carried.

Discussion: E. Patterson, is everyone okay with the rules for this event? Lewis, can we discuss them later closer to the event? Wyrick, yes and LeKeshia will also get us some guidelines for each event.

- Litter Sweep (Fall & Spring)

The state will send dates and flyers. Supplies are in the storage room at the town hall.
Soccer Program

- 250th/10th year Anniversary

McNabb, this should be done by the Historic Society but it could be recognized at the Independence Day Celebration and be incorporated as the theme. Wyrick, I will suggest that to the council.

Lewis asked to be excused by the chair.

- Soccer Program – (Brent Lewis, Soccer Commissioner – Assisted by Chris Culler)

Onsite Sign-Ups: March 3, 10, & 17 at the town hall 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Opening Day: Saturday, April 14

Closing Day: Saturday, June 2

Culler, if there is anyone available to help with our on-site sign-ups that would be great. We practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We will not be able to use the school this year as a practice field because construction has started. The program basically takes care of itself. On Saturdays if someone can come out and help with parking that would also be great. I went to Renee over at NC Tool because the cable on the gate is not keeping people out. We can get 2 metal gates for \$2400.00. If this could be reviewed by the next meeting that would be nice to help keep people out.

Wyrick, do we need to make a motion? E. Patterson, No. Wyrick, this will be a Brooks and Brent issue. E. Patterson, yes but you can motion to support.

Wyrick motioned to support the soccer program to purchase two gates totaling \$2400.00 from NC Tool; Seconded by Amick. 7/0 the motion carried.

Discussion: Amick, the program runs itself without headaches so it is best for us to continue to stay out of it and leave it alone to avoid messing it up. Wyrick, does LeKeshia have a list of schools who need to receive registration forms. Culler will pass to Brent. Wyrick, each board member could pick a school to pass out registration forms.

E. Patterson questioned in council to adopt a highway. McNabb, we already have Pleasant Garden Road to Hunt Road. E.Patterson well lets make sure we take care of it during the Litter Sweeps.

- Flags

McNabb, dates need to be set for flags to go up. No one knows that Bob Wyrick and Bill Wright do it. Culler, when do they go up? McNabb, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day. Culler, to get volunteers we need to let them know when they go up. McNabb, they can go up on Flag Day and stay up until after Independence Day. Culler lets set exact dates and times by the next meeting. Wyrick asked McNabb to take care of it. McNabb, yes I will also find volunteers.

Public Comment

Sharon Wright 6402 Walter Wright Road

Wonderful to be in audience. I feel that this is a great board; it makes me want to be a part of it. It was a good idea to go ahead and choose the dates for the special events so that they can go on the website. I would love to help with Veterans Day. It was requested that Pet Day be outside under the picnic shelter. Most people show up for the rabbi shots. They do pass out vouchers if they run out of the shots or chips. Brent and I had talked about doing old fashion kid activities such as spitting watermelon seeds. I think that it is a great idea to do the 250th/10th Anniversary in conjunction with Independence Day. I feel that the Christmas Parade line-up should be a first come first serve basis with no entry numbers. We also need judges for cars.

Staff Comment

E. Patterson, I feel that this is a strong board with a great cohesion.

Board Comment

Jan Cox – I am sorry that Franklin is leaving; I have heard nothing but great things about her.

Chris Culler – I feel the same way Franklin helps us out in the soccer program a lot. I am also glad to be a part of such a great town.

Mary Ann McNabb – There are no restrictions on volunteers so Franklin can come back and help out anytime. I would also like to thank Deena and Sharon and we will need your guidance in the future.

Brenda Patterson – I would like to wish Franklin the best.

Judy Wyrick – Thanked Franklin for all that she has done. Thanked those who have volunteered to work on the board. Would also like to thank our liaison Patterson for his support.

Adjournment

Wyrick made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Cox. The motion carried 7/0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk

Date

Chair