

St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Meeting Minutes –April 22nd, 2010
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Present: Mike Eykyn, Susan Mayo, Ron Bailey, John Johnston, Kevin Walsh, Ron Koch, Frank Stefan

Call to Order: Mr. Eykyn called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mr. Johnston led the Commission in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of the March 25th, 2010 Minutes: Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the March 2010 Financial Reports and Summary Balance Sheet: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh reported that Charles Feathers called to tell him that he received a call complaining about Ponderosa. St. Andrew's is trying to get camp going there but only 12 kids are signed up over the eight week period. We received a check from the City for tax collections in the amount of \$95,000 for annexed properties. Combined with our regular tax collections, parks and playground is over budget in its projected tax revenue. The golf tournament profited \$4,115 and the sailing lessons are still available for purchase. Ann Cunningham's mother passed away and St. Andrew's sent flowers. St. Andrew's has introduced a virtual staff member, Flat StAnley, who will travel the country to other parks and recreation departments and have his picture taken, and the pictures will be posted on his Facebook page. Mr. Walsh will email the link for his Facebook page to the Commissioners. Flat StAnley is currently on his way to Carson City, NV.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch stated he submitted a "Grow Your Park" grant to NRPA, but we were turned down. Only 10 agencies will receive a grant.

Tennis Department Report – Mr. Burke reported that a St. Andrew's team that he coached won the Family Circle Cup Club Challenge.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan stated that the Post & Courier Health and Wellness Expo held at the Citadel Mall was a flop. Our booth was visited by only ten people.

Department Proposals

\$99 Student Summer Special: Mr. Stefan proposed to offer a three month membership to full time students for \$99. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the proposal, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Group Personal Training: Mr. Stefan proposed to add to the group fees for personal training. Instead of just doing a package of four sessions for \$48, it would also include an 8 pack for \$96 and a 12 pack for \$144. Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

Discounted FFP Entry Fees: Mr. Walsh proposed a discounted entrance fee of **\$2 per person** for specific activities during non-peak hours (generally Monday through Friday from 10 AM – 3 PM or as otherwise determined by the General Manager). This discounted fee would permit the participant to participate in one specific activity for that day. This fee will go to the fitness center for use of the facility. The fee would not include full use of the facility, showers, saunas, open swim or other group fitness classes. The instructor/supervisor for the specific activity would be responsible for enforcement. Any additional fees associated with running these activities would be passed on to the participants. FFP members who qualify (ie: age 50 for seniors) for the activities would pay the activity fee, but not the entrance fee. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the proposal which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Annexations: 1938 Boeing Avenue (.24 acres), 1958 Boeing Avenue (.19 acres), 319 Swift Avenue (.22 acres), 1740 Sulgrave Road (.23 acres), 411 Stinson Drive (.23 acres), 2406 Quail Hollow Court (.12 acres), 2029 Culver Avenue (.27 acres).

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: Mr. Koch has not heard anything regarding the park.

Capital Improvement Plan: The brickwork of the Dogwood Park sign has been completed. The sign should be installed next week. The concession stand at Volunteer Park is 99% complete and it will be inspected on Monday by DHEC so that we can sell prepared meat products.

FY 2010/11 Budget: The meeting schedule is listed in Mr. Walsh's report.

New Business

NRPA Congress: SCRPA has a block of rooms for Minneapolis. Mr. Bailey, Mr. Johnston and Ms. Etheridge have expressed an interest in going.

Commission Policy Review:

Policy 7, Section 15 - Animal Restraint: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the policy which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eykyn noted that Mr. Koch worked with the water department to get the \$800 water bill reduced \$120.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 8:33pm.