

# **St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission**

Meeting Minutes - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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**Present:** Mike Eykyn, Ron Bailey, John Johnston, Susan Mayo, Carol Etheridge, Kevin Walsh, Frank Stefan, Ron Koch, and Brian Burke

**Call to Order:** Mr. Eykyn called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

**Invocation and the 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Minutes:** Ms. Mayo made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the March 2009 Financial Reports and Summary Balance Sheet:** Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report:** Mr. Walsh introduced Brian Burke who has been working in conjunction with the Charleston County School District to host the Superintendent's Cup tennis tournament. Mr. Burke passed out the media advisory and went into some details about the tournament. The tournament is open to all 80 schools and will have TV coverage. The "celebrity" matches begin at 12:30pm; winners at 3:00pm.

Mr. Walsh continued with the golf tournament that was held on Thursday. 125 golfers played and almost \$5,000 was raised for the scholarship fund.

He was invited to the "Value of Play" summit which will be held in June at Clemson University. Mr. Walsh distributed the NRPA registration forms. This year's NRPA National Congress will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. SCRPA has a block of rooms at the Shilo Inn Suites.

Mr. Walsh stated that we received a thank you note from Betty Montgomery for the plant that was sent in memory of Ben Montgomery. The note said that Mr. Montgomery had a great time participating at St. Andrew's.

Commission appointments are coming up soon. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Eykyn are due for re-appointment.

The SCRPA golf tournament will be held in October at the Hillcrest Golf Club in Orangeburg.

Mr. Johnston made a motion to hold the elections in May instead of June. Second from Mr. Bailey. After some discussion, Mr. Johnston withdrew his previous motion. Second from Mr. Bailey was also withdrawn. Mr. Johnston made a motion to change the June meeting date to Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Second from Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

**Deputy Director's Report:** Mr. Koch stated that at Saturday's tennis tournament there will be a Quick Start demonstration where one tennis court can be divided into four courts. These would be 36' courts, Koosh balls and smaller racquets are used, and the net would be set at 2' 9".

**General Manager's Report:** Mr. Stefan announced that Harry Rosenberg, member at St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus, will be turning 99 on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The staff and members will be having a small get together after his morning swim.

### **Department Proposals**

*Marketing/Membership:* A "Get Started for \$1" promotion was proposed by Mr. Stefan. New members would be able to enroll for just \$1 in May and June. For those that join in May on a debit plan membership, their first payments would not be until June. New members in June would have their first payment in July. Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

*Annexations:* 1071 Jenkins Road (.92 acres), 249 Millcreek Drive (.29 acres), property on Millcreek Drive (.15 acres)

*St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club:* Russ Nestor wanted a cul-de-sac located on the plans which would require the removal of four grand trees. These trees are not on the property to be purchased by St. Andrew's. Mr. Koch received a call from Cathy Ruff of the Green Committee regarding the plat. Mr. Koch discovered at the meeting that Mr. Nestor has a permit to dredge the property adjacent to the park. The Commission expressed concern regarding heavy truck traffic and asked Mr. Koch to pursue this further.

*Capital Improvements:* The gym annex roof is leaking and has the potential to ruin the wood floor. Instead of installing the green roof on the picnic shelter, Mr. Walsh proposed to repair the roof on the gym annex and use the remaining funds from the \$250K revenue bond for this project.. Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

*FY 2009-10 Budget:* The dates in Mr. Walsh's report are incorrect. The finance committee meeting has been moved to May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm. The first reading is May 21<sup>st</sup> and the public hearing will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

*Hazardous Mitigation:* This is an emergency action plan for disasters. The plan is the same as last year, except grants may be available to retro-fit current facilities to enhance hazard resistance. Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the hazardous mitigation plan and was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

*Punch Card Membership:* Mr. Stefan brought up the idea of a punch card membership for those people who can't make a commitment each month to working out. The Commission gave some great ideas for the membership and asked Mr. Stefan to submit a proposal for next month's meeting.

**Adjournment:** The Commission adjourned unanimously at 8:27pm.