

# St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Meeting Minutes  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
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**Present:** Mike Eykyn, Ron Bailey, John Johnston, Carol Etheridge, Jeff Gladwell, Kevin Walsh, Frank Stefan, Ron Koch

**Call to Order:** Mr. Eykyn called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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

**Approval of the October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 Minutes:** Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the October 2008 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 passed a breakdown of tax collections by tax district for the fiscal year 2007-2008. The impact from annexed property collections was \$69,000. He also reported that he attended the Municipal Association's Legislative meeting. Two of the agenda items the Association are working on include strengthening annexation laws and net metering, which is selling electricity back to the electric company on a monthly basis when you generate more than you consume.

**Deputy Director's Report:** Mr. Koch attended the Charleston County Council meeting in which Ms. Etheridge and Susan Mayo were recommended for appointment to the Commission.

**General Manager's Report:** Mr. Stefan stated that FFP is scheduled, per the budget, to have a 2% increase in membership fees beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. With the current economy and how low membership sales are at this time, Mr. Stefan felt it would be best to not increase membership fees at this time, but to delay the 2% increase to July 1, 2009. Mr. Johnston made a motion to delay the membership price increase to July 1, 2009 and Ms. Etheridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## Department Proposals

*Marketing/Membership:* Four proposals were brought to the Commission for approval; January's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary promotion and 3 Day Blitz and February's "Get Paid to Get Fit" and 3 Day Blitz. The Commission offered suggestions on promoting the club. St. Andrew's is the biggest, oldest, and has the largest pool in Charleston and/or West Ashley. They also suggested creating a new tag line promoting these facts. Motion to approve the promotions was made by Mr. Bailey which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

*Annexations:* 747 Trent Street (.34 acres), 2111 Fife Lane (.3 acres)

*St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club:* The plat has been sent to Frank Toland at the Charleston County Planning Department.

*Capital Improvements:* The new concession stand will be ready for the spring season. The new fence project has been started. The tennis playground was sent out for proposal and six proposals came back, all within \$2,000 of the budget given. Motion made by Mr. Gladwell, to accept the proposal from Bliss Products for Play and Park Structures in the amount \$34,681.94, second from Mr. Johnston and the motion passed unanimously.

*Dogwood Park:* Surveys continue to trickle in. A total of 29 have been received and the top three items people are interested in are a playground, picnic shelter, and off-road parking.

*FFP Racquetball Courts:* Courts one and two are in the curing stages and should be ready for play on Thursday. Court three received its last coat today and will cure the next few days, making it playable either Friday or Saturday. Court five is going through its final sanding stages and then will be lined and finished. Court six should be ready for sanding by Thursday. As for the cycling / Wii room, the LCD projector, screen, and Wii have been delivered. The Keiser M3 bikes have been ordered. The drop ceiling will be installed on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Stefan is trying to get one more quote on electrical before moving forward with it. Paint has been picked out as well as carpet. Also, the treadmills and ellipticals have been ordered from SportsArt Fitness, and the NuStep machines have been ordered.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Walsh reported that our four vehicles were currently being auctioned via the state surplus website. Bids have been received on all four.

Mr. Eykyn thanked everyone for the flowers that were sent for his sister's funeral. He also stated that he received a thank you from Lindsay Cooper for the flower sent for the birth of his child.

**Adjournment:** The Commission adjourned unanimously at 8:20pm.