



**PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD MEETING**  
February 18, 2009

**DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair, Mel Sorensen called the meeting, held at the Parks and Recreation office in Green Valley Park, to order at 5:08 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Chair, Mel Sorensen, Vice Chair, David Rutter. Members: Carrie Dick, Jim Grady and Rob Ingram. Members: Rory Huff and Gerri Levine excused absence.

**Others Present:** Marc Stone, Citizen, Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor, Deb Rose, Recreation Coordinator, Mary McMullen, Recreation Coordinator and Mary Ann Wolf, Admin Assistant.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Approve January Minutes — Motion** was made by David Rutter, **seconded** by Jim Grady, **to approve the minutes.** The motion carried; 5-0.

**2. Public Input (No discussion, No action allowed) —.**

Marc Stone, of 609 W. Forest Drive, Payson, AZ 85541 spoke to the Board regarding his home backing up to North Rumsey Park and specifically Rumsey III baseball/softball field. He is very upset and angry that the field is used for games and tournaments for students and adults over the age of 12 that causes foul balls to come into his yard and hit his house. He is concerned about damage to his roof and windows mainly from the fast-pitch high school age girls' tournaments that are held two or three times a year and also the Little League All-Stars when they have adults who come in and do pitching clinics for the kids. He sees the following solutions:

1. Only age 12 and under are allowed on that field and no coach pitching to those kids, limit the pitching machine use.
2. Change to netting up and over home plate.
3. Legal action to restrain use of that field.

He would like help from the Board, Cameron Davis, Director and Nelson Beck, Park Supervisor in resolving this issue to his satisfaction.

**3. Issues and Concerns from the Board (Discussion Only, No action allowed)**

Jim Grady, Board Member is also a Member of the Gila County Meth Coalition and they would like to host a Drive in Movie Night here in Payson to raise awareness in this community. Do we have a venue to host this event?

We do not have the equipment but we do have the venue to host an event like this. They would need to contact a private portable movie business for the screen and equipment.

**4. Correspondence (Discussion Only) - None**

**5. Discussion Items: (No action allowed)**

5a. Pending Organizational Chart from 2009 Marketing Methods

Website updated

Full page newspaper advertisement

Financing and Staffing: Funds collected go into the general fund and is currently operating and a minimal balance. It will not cover additional staffing costs.

Fee Increase Proposal for most youth sports: Collect \$25 of which \$20 will go into the general fund and \$5 to go to a staffing line item.

Volunteers can make up for lack of paid staffing.

Mel Sorensen would like to request a breakdown of Charlene Hunt's programs relating to participants that live in the Payson Town limits vs. those who live outside of the town limits. (Town vs. County Participants) He would like to seek County Funds to help subsidize these programs at the Event Center.

5b. See Outline Attachment

Boards Role in the Operations of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

**6. Future Items — Meeting March 11, 2009 with Friends of Payson Parks & Rec.**

Presentation by Nelson Beck on condition of Parks and Facilities.

Rumsey III issues with homeowner.

7. **Next Meeting**— Wednesday, March 11, 5:00 P.M. Payson Police Dept.  
Joint meeting with Friends of Payson Parks & Recreation
8. **Adjourn:** The meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Board adjourned at 6:45 P.M. **Motion** made by Rob Ingram, **seconded** by Jim Grady.  
The motion carried 5-0.

**Approved**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mel Sorensen, Chair

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Town of Payson held on the 18th day of February, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_

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Mary Ann Wolf, Administrative Assistant, Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

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