

Town of Payson
Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission
MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: January 15th 2014 5:00 pm

Location: Town of Payson, Council Chambers
303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, AZ

The Commission Reserves the right to consider any matter out of sequence.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Rob Ingram, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (if desired)

C. ROLL CALL:

Rob Ingram, Chair	X	Nancy Gartner	X
Rory Huff, Vice Chair	X	Todd Braeger	X
Hartland Hintze	X	Jim Lyon	X

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director,
Kayla Tutay, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administrative Assistant

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Rob Ingram, seconded by Rory Huff to approve the **October 9th, 2013 minutes**. The motion carried 6-0. Roger Donahoo has resigned from the council due to health issues.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Comments concerning items not on the agenda

Those wishing to address the Parks Commission during this time need not request permission in advance. No discussion regarding Public Comments is permitted. Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (G), action taken as a result of the Public Comment is limited to (1) asking staff to study the matter, (2) responding to individual criticism, or (3) asking that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (IF APPLICABLE)

None Scheduled

G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Vote new officers

- Nancy motioned all commission board members stay the same which includes. Robert Ingram- Chairman Rory Huff- Vice Chairman Nancy Gartner- Secretary Todd Braeger seconded motion. The motion carried 6-0.

2. Special Event Updates

A. Trunk or Treat

- This year was the most trunks Parks and Recreation have ever sold by far. The town actually ran out of space to put trunks so they had to limit participation to 40. There was between 2500-3000 people on Main Street at the event. Parks and Recreation added some new activities to the event such as a Family Fun Zone, Fortune Telling, and Pumpkin Bowling. Pumpkin Bowling was a huge success and will most likely be expanded on this year. The Haunted House was once again put together by the Payson High School Drama Department. The event was safe and had no major issues.

B. Turkey Trot

- The 2013 Turkey Trot had the most pre-registered participants ever. 130 participants signed up this year, which normally brings in around 80. Parks and Recreation was very happy to see this was a huge jump in participation. Parks and Recreation's developing relationship with the Tonto Apache Tribe and Casandra Strouder has greatly helped the success of the town's races. The "Tonto Trotters" accounted for 50 of our 130 signups. The weather did end up being miserable that day with rain, snow, and cold so only 80 of the 130 signups showed. We did not have to give any refunds as it was a rain or shine event.

C. Electric Light Parade

- This event has stayed pretty steady the last few years with parade entries. Last year we had the largest turnout of spectators ever. This year it was extremely cold and it greatly affected the amount of spectators for the event. The parade route was changed back to the old route due to safety concerns. The parade went off smoothly and safely. This year Parks and Recreation added an after party at Macky's Grill where families could meet and greet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Fiesta Bowl Trees. This addition turned out well despite the weather as we were able to collect much needed donations for the Payson Local Food Drive.

3. Facility Improvement Fees to be discussed at January 23rd 2014 council meeting

Current fee's are so outdated Parks and Recreation is unable to put any projects needed to be completed in the works. With said increase these new impact fees will go towards projects needed to be done and the funds collected are to only be used for facility improvements. Motion was made by Rory Huff to write a letter in support of

increase to be presented by Robert Ingram at January 23rd's council meeting. Motion seconded by Todd, motion carried 6-0.

4. Update on Stewart Pocket Area for Recreational purpose

Forest plan starting up next week they will start meeting with people on how it will affect the forest and community. Committee would like an email sent out with where and when this meeting will take place.

5. Potential Youth Recreation Center Update

Maps of the vision of potential Recreation center passed around, Robert proposed an expandable center to get something started then add on as money is available. Cameron and Rory described Rumsey Park would be the ideal location for this type of Recreation center. Ideas on how to fund center were: investors, local businesses, committee dedicated to only promoting this, and possibly finding one large donor that would like their name on the building. Some concerns brought up: Is there enough room in ideal location and what will the neighbors of area think if recreation center is built. Steps to move forward: Survey community, start committee, create business plan and set goals, propose to Kenny and Deborah, Combine with YMCA and Co-Sponsor group to get center here. Cameron will be moving forward with the new ideas.

H. ADJOURNMENT - 5:55 pm

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