

Town of Payson
Parks and Recreation Board
MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: March 11, 2009 5:00 pm

Location: Payson Police Dept. Meeting Room, 303 N. Beeline Highway

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

A. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair, David Rutter called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (if desired)

C. ROLL CALL:

Mel Sorensen, Chair _____	David Rutter, Vice Chair <u>X</u>
Carrie Dick <u>X</u>	Rob Ingram <u>X</u>
Rory Huff <u>X</u>	Jim Grady <u>X</u> (5:10pm)
Gerri Levine <u>X</u>	

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism; Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor; Mary McMullen, Recreation Coordinator; Deb Rose, Recreation Coordinator; Sam Streichman, Town Attorney; Bill Ensign, John Wilson, Susan Connell, Sharon Strople, Earl Davis, Mark Stone and Mary Wolf, Office Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Motion** was made by Rory Huff, **seconded** by Rob Ingram to **approve the February 18th minutes**. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Mark Stone of Payson, AZ spoke requesting follow up by the Board to his complaint of February 18, 2009 regarding the use of Rumsey III ball field and the foul balls that come into his yard.

Those wishing to address the Parks Board during this time need not request permission in advance. No discussion regarding Public Comments is permitted. Members of the Board 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.

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F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (IF APPLICABLE)

None Scheduled

G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Report from Bill Ensign, Friends of Payson Parks & Recreation on the Friend's fundraising and contributions to Payson Parks & Recreation Programs and part-time staff. John Wilson spoke that the Friends of Payson Parks & Recreation Board was formed to provide assistance to Parks and Recreation in areas where funding was short. They are a 501C3 Organization that can fund non-budgeted expenses and disburse for Parks & Recreation activities that are not in the Town Budget. They can help fund with out violating any Town Codes. Their objective is to fund: 1. Scholarships for children whose parents can not afford programs fees. 2. Payson Area Trail System and Outdoor Recreation Programs like Dutch Oven Cooking. 3. Part-time staffing salaries that are not in the Town Budget.
2. Needs assessment from Friends of Payson Parks and Recreation regarding financial donations and contributions. Bill Ensign noted that they solicit friends, neighbors, the general public and local business for donations.
- 3 Report of Friends of Payson Parks & Recreation Diamondback Ticket sales, assessment, needs and financial information and solicitation of ideas to enhance the programs success. Cameron Davis reported The Arizona Diamondback Payson Night at Chase Field has the opportunity to raise \$2500 for Parks & Recreation if we are able to sell 500 tickets. They will also give us advertising and promotion time for The Town of Payson for our upcoming Special Events. Cameron Davis is also working on securing a bus to help with transportation for those who are willing to pay extra. The Friends solicited the Parks & Recreation Board to help sell tickets. Cameron Davis stated that tables will be set up at various events for this, also ask friends, family and co-workers. Sign up at the Parks & Recreation office.
4. Sam Streichman, Town of Payson Legal Department
 - a. Duties and responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Board pursuant to Sections 33.15 – 33.18 of the Town Code
Cameron asked Mr. Streichman to elaborate on why we have a Parks Board and what the responsibilities of the Board are.
Each member was given copies of the Town Code and a synopsis of the language the code is written in. Mr. Streichman gave a summary of the Boards duties which is that they are in an Advisory role only and their duties relate to items and not functions. They help support the Director in making recommendations to Town Council including board vacancies. They must have direction from the Director or Town Council. They can advocate Parks & Recreation positions before the Council. The Board will become a Commission prior to the April meeting.

Motion made by David Rutter that the Board direct Cameron Davis to ask Town Council to assign a member or members of the Council to attend all Parks, Recreation & Tourism meetings. **Seconded** by Gerri Levine to have council representative(s) at their meetings. The motion carried 6-0.

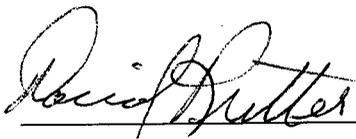
5. Report Card from Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor, on his assessment of current conditions of facilities, fields and public areas of Rumsey and Green Valley Parks. His summary included general conditions and recommended improvements that he sees necessary.
6. Issues relating to use of Rumsey III ball field and the impact of such use on adjacent homeowners. Cameron Davis said that he conferred with the Town Legal Department and was advised that Parks & Recreation should continue to use our facilities as needed. He also said that we schedule to the best of our ability and use the other fields when ever possible. Mr. Beck advised that Parks & Recreation needs to utilize all our available fields in order to accommodate the needs of our community in scheduling of baseball and softball programs in our community and in the promotion of softball tournaments for our own tournaments and outside entities. Nelson also advised that Parks and Recreation will utilize administrative judgment on field reservations and scheduling. Mark Stone asked if the Town was willing to be bombarded with personal and property claims by scheduling games on that field. Nelson Beck requested that all other correspondence with Mark Stone be referred to the Town Attorneys office.
7. Directors Report
 - a. Current report on fundraising initiatives for youth and adult sports programs
 - b. Current report on staffing initiatives for youth and adult sports programs
 - c. Upcoming events and activities that will be taking place in the Parks
 - I. Bee Line Cruise In Car Show
 - II. Civil War Reenactment
 - III. Eggstravaganza
8. INFORMATION AND UPDATES FOR THE BOARD (No Discussion Permitted)
 1. Outdoor Recreation Evaluation Forms
 2. Monument Peak Hike-over 34 participants several from out of town.
 - 3.. Wilderness First Aid Certification full with 13. A second class was added to accommodate the waitlist for May 2 & 3

9. REQUESTS TO STAFF FOR THE PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA (No Discussion Permitted)

- a. Budget 2009/2010
- b. CIP Master Plan tied with Nelson Beck's Report on Parks and Facilities
- c. Multi Event Center update
- d. Update on all projects that have been started and not finished.
- e. Projects that are committed as soon as the money becomes available.

NOTE: THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT A QUORUM OF THE PAYSON COMMON COUNCIL WILL BE PRESENT DURING THIS MEETING. NO COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN, NO COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS WILL BE HELD, AND NO COUNCIL BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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Approved

Date: 4-8-09

David Rutter, Vice-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 8th day of April, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 8th day of April, 2009



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