

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
April 12, 2010
6:30 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Converse Met for a Regular Meeting in the City Hall Conference Room Located at 405 S. Seguin to Discuss the Following Agenda Items:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chairman, Kathy Selko, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Ms. Kathy Selko, Chairman
Mr. Rex Brien, Member
Ms. Tulita Harris, Member
Mr. Chris Bazany, Alternate
Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary

Mr. Sam Perez, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member
Ms. Becky Johnson, Member
Councilman John Shadron, Liaison

Alternate Member, Mr. Bazany, was a voting member for this meeting.

There were two visitors present, Mr. Steve Brown and Mr. Daren Walker.

3. Citizens to be Heard. This Time is Provided for Citizens to Address Parks and Recreation Commission on Any Issues and Concerns. No Parks and Recreation Commission Discussion or Action Can Be Taken if the Item is not on the Agenda. Please Limit Your Remarks to Three (3) Minutes and State Your Name and Address for the Record.

No citizens to be heard.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted February 8, 2010.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted February 8, 2010. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with two abstentions (Johnson and Bazany) Ms. Johnson and Mr. Bazany were not in attendance at the meeting conducted February 8, 2010.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop Conducted March 4, 2010.

Mr. Rex Brien requested a correction to the March 4, 2010 minutes. Item 2, “ *Mr. Brien arrived at 6:09 P.M. ” Mr. Brien reported he was in fact present **prior** to the meeting being called to order.

Chairman Selko also requested a correction. Item 1, “ Vice-Chairman Sam Perez called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 P.M. ” Chairman Selko reported she called the meeting to order, not Vice-Chairman Perez.

Motion to approve the minutes of the workshop conducted March 4, 2010 with the previously mentioned corrections was made by Ms. Harris. Seconded by Mr. Brien. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Ms. Johnson who was not present for the workshop.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Excuse Mr. Chris Bazany’s Absence From the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Scheduled for March 8, 2010.

Mr. Beehler suggested Mr. Bazany’s absence should not be excused due to the fact that when he (Mr. Bazany) was contacted by telephone shortly after the meeting was to begin, Mr. Bazany appeared to be completely unaware of the scheduled meeting.

Mr. Beehler made a motion to DISAPPROVE excusing Mr. Bazany’s absence from the meeting scheduled for March 8, 2010. Mr. Brien seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with three abstentions from Ms. Harris, Vice-Chairman Perez, and Ms. Johnson who were not present.

7. Discussion of Mr. Mike Fishbaugh’s Presentation on Suggestions for Playground Equipment in City and North Park.

A paper presentation from Mr. Fishbaugh was included in the agenda packet for review. Discussion focused on the following:

- Safety issues relating to the slide and see-saw at City Park, lack of shade over the equipment, and mulch depth and distance standards not being met. Mr. Perez stated “for the record” he has addressed some of these same safety issues at the last two Parks and Recreation meetings.
- Advantages of synthetic mulch versus wood mulch. Rubberized mulch barriers.
- Suggested locations for new equipment and relocation of existing playground equipment currently located behind the restrooms at City Park.
- Request for additional price quotes and/or bids.
- Request for volunteers to tour City Park and North Park and report back suggested logistics at next regularly scheduled meeting. Chairman Selko and Ms. Johnson volunteered.

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Parks and Recreation Commission Budget Plan FY 2010-2011.

Councilman Shadron suggested to the Commission members that if they were to create a prioritized list of needs for the park, the City Manager would assist in attaching a cost to those needs for their budget plan. Several of the Commission members responded by saying they would prefer to have a better understanding of the costs involved before attempting to prioritize their list of requests included in their budget plan. Councilman Shadron offered to meet with the City Manager the following day and report back the information obtained at the next Commission meeting. A special budget workshop prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting was mutually agreed upon for April 28, 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Beehler made a motion to table this agenda item until the special workshop scheduled for April 28, 2010. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. Motion to table passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Relocation of the Football Field in North Park.

Councilman Shadron reported the City Council's commitment and authorization of funding to relocate the football field in North Park. In addition, Councilman Shadron stated the field will be enclosed, sodded, have new goal posts, old bleachers relocated, and should be completed by the fall at an estimated cost of \$13,000 or less depending on the amount of time spent on the project. When asked about possible volunteer duties to cut costs, Councilman Shadron responded with stretching fence and laying sod as possible choices.

Mr. Bazany made a motion to approve the relocation of the football field in North Park. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention, Mr. Harris.

10. Update of the Pool Improvement Plan. (Pool Committee)

Chairman Selko and Ms. Johnson volunteered to take paint samples to the park the following day while assessing the layout for relocation strategies and finalize a color decision for the pool area.

11. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Set Date and Time for Swimming Pool Clean-up Day.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to meet Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. for the swimming pool clean up day. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Brien reported he will be late for the event due to a previously scheduled obligation.

12. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Make Recommendations for a Contract Between the Cardinals and the City of Converse.

Mr. Brien reported his assistance with previous contracts for other sports organizations (JYSF and St. Monica's) and offered to collaborate with Ms. Harris on the preparation of the Cardinal's contract as well.

Mr. Beehler made a motion to allow Mr. Brien and Ms. Harris to write the contract between the Cardinals and the City of Converse. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention, Ms. Harris

13. Discussion and Appropriate Action Addressing the Problem of Pet Owners' Having Their Pets Unleashed on the Park Playing Fields.

Councilman Shadron reported this item was placed on the agenda due to reports of pet owners allowing their pets to run loose on the playing fields and not cleaning up after them. Ordinance 717 and suggestions for posting signs citing this ordinance in strategic locations at City Park and North Park were discussed.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend purchasing two dozen signs and posting them at the entrances to North Park and City Park. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Update of the Cookbooks. (Cookbook Committee)

Mr. Bazany had nothing to report. Ms. Harris requested an inventory of the cookbooks. Chairman Selko reported a need for a correction to the signs at City Hall which still advertise the cookbooks for sale at the price of \$10 rather than the reduced price of \$5.

15. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Councilman Shadron reported on recent City Council actions and recognitions along with information regarding the upcoming May election to include early voting dates.

16. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Suggested items as follows:

- Ordinance 330 discussion.
- Volunteer attendance of Parks and Recreation members to other commission meetings.
- Playground logistics discussion.
- Ordinance 717 signs at North and City Parks update.

17. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – May 10, 2010.

A special budget planning workshop was scheduled for April 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for May 10, 2010.

18. Adjournment.

Chairman Selko adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m.