

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 10, 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 Selko called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Ms. Kathy Selko, Chairman	Mr. Sam Perez, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Rex Brien, Member	Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member
Ms. Tulita Harris, Member	Ms. Becky Johnson, Member
Councilman John Shadron, Liaison	Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary

*Alternate Member, Chris Bazany, arrived at 6:30 p.m. and was a voting member for this meeting.

Recognized visitors: Mr. Daren Walker, Mr. Darrell Harris, and Councilman Elect Steve Brown.

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.

There were two citizens to be heard, Mr. Norman Benson and Mr. Darnell Stephens. Mr. Stephens donated his three minutes to Mr. Benson. Mr. Benson then introduced himself as a parent/coach for the JYSF and addressed his concern regarding the presence of mosquitoes on the City Park playing fields during their practices and games. Mr. Benson requested permission to spray the fields prior to games and practices. Mr. Benson also stated he would provide the necessary equipment, reported his certifications to administer the spray, assured the chemicals are environmentally friendly, and provided literature on the mosquito repellent he intends to use.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted April 12, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted April 12, 2010 was made by Mr. Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Bazany. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop Conducted April 28, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission workshop conducted April 28, 2010 was made by Mr. Bazany. Seconded by Mr. Beehler. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Contract Between the Cardinals and the City of Converse.

Upon review of the draft copy of the contract, three changes were identified as follows: Removal of last two sentences in #4. Change “City Park” to “North Park in #10. Change “City Park” to “North Park” in #12.

Motion to approve the contract between the Cardinals and the City of Converse with the identified changes was made by Mr. Bazany. Seconded by Mr. Beehler. Motion passed unanimously with two abstentions, Ms. Harris and Mr. Brien.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Additional Pool Painting Days.

Following a brief discussion regarding the progress on the pool painting project as of the last painting date which took place May 1, 2010, a motion to approve May 15-16, 2010 and May 22-23, 2010 as additional pool painting days was made by Ms. Harris. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion of Code Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Parks and Recreation Areas Owned and Controlled by the City of Converse.

Chairman Selko addressed information covered in Chapter 30 of the City of Converse Code of Ordinances. Camping in North Park, hours of operation, live music, and leash requirements for animals in the parks were discussed. Chairman Selko reported the reason for placing this item on tonight’s agenda was to make everyone aware of and familiar with the new codification as it pertains to activities involving the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chairman Selko also mentioned the new Code of Ordinances are available to anyone for review at City Hall.

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Playground Equipment Safety Requirements Located in Converse City Park. (Slide, Teeter Totter, and the Mulch Safety Areas Around and Under Equipment.)

Discussion included safety concerns, consumer safety report recommendations, and disposal/recycling of questionable equipment. Also mentioned, removing the slide and teeter totter could expedite the playscape relocation process by creating needed space.

During the discussion, Mr. Bazany became demonstratively upset over being interrupted while speaking and expressed frustration with having his input ignored. Mr. Bazany then resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission and departed from the meeting at approximately 7:02 p.m.

A motion to recommend removal of the slide and teeter totter from City Park in order to proceed with the playscape relocation process and for safety purposes was made by Mr. Beehler. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Bazany had departed the meeting at this point and was no longer a voting member.)

10. Update of the Signs for City and North Park.

Councilman Shadron suggested placing recommendations for signage at the parks on future agendas on an as needed basis.

11. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Commission Members Attending Other City of Converse Commission Meetings.

Chairman Selko requested volunteers to attend other City of Converse Commission meetings in an effort to keep everyone aware of all activities going on within the City as well as to create unity amongst all of the City of Converse Commissions. Specifically, Planning Commission and EDC meeting attendance were recommended.

12. Cookbook Update. (Cookbook Committee)

Cookbook signs posted at City Hall were updated to reflect the reduced price of \$5. Suggestions to sell the cookbooks at 2nd Saturdays and ball games at the parks were also discussed.

13. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Councilman Shadron reported on progress at North Park, recent City Council actions and recognitions, and election updates.

14. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Recommendations as follows:

- Discussion and action to approve allowing Mr. Norman Benson permission to spray the ball fields for mosquitoes prior to games and practices at City Park.
- Parks survey discussion.
- Pool update.

- Cookbook update.
- Fundraising discussion.

15. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – June 14, 2010.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will take place on June 14, 2010 as regularly scheduled.

16. Adjournment.

Chairman Selko adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.