

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
March 7, 2011
6:30 pm
Council Chambers
Minutes & General Account

Parks & Recreation Members present: Tom Tervo, Chair, Al Bartko, Lawrence Straughn, Fred Kelly, Shanna Moore, and Council Member Brock Thomas

Staff Present: Chuck Smith, Matt Johnson and Martha Wolfe

Visitors Present: Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News

1. Call to Order – Tom Tervo, Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes from the February 7th, 2011 meeting – Lawrence Straughn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brock Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Update on the Jamestown Golf Course Irrigation Systems Project – Chuck Smith stated he met with Jay Gardner, Parks Superintendent. He reported that the green loop is completed and about 90 – 95% of the main line is completed. The next phase of the project is the installation of the pumps, T-boxes and fairways. The T-heads and fairway heads should be a quick connection. The contractor hopes to have the main line completed by Wednesday of this week.

Smith reported that we have experienced a set back on the delivery of the new pumps. The anticipated delivery date is March 21, 2011. The pipe installation is on schedule but we will be a week behind on the pump installation. Once the pumps are installed, we will have to charge the line and check pressures. The anticipated completion date for the entire project is April 15, 2011.

4. Amendment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Policy – Martha Wolfe reported that the Town Council amended the Parks & Recreation Policy Section 3 - Appointment of the Committee – to allow a member to serve three (3) full terms instead of two (2) full terms.
5. Appointments and reappointments of Parks & Recreation Members – Martha Wolfe stated since the Council has made the amendment to the Policy, Fred Kelly is eligible to serve another term. She will ask the Council to make this reappointment at the March 15, 2011 Council Meeting. After the reappointment of Fred Kelly, the Committee will still have a vacancy for one (1) active member and one (1) alternate. The Town Council will make these appointments at the March 15, 2011 meeting.

At this point, Tom Tervo submitted his letter of resignation to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Tervo has accepted part time employment at Jamestown Park and feels to serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee could be a conflict of interest.

Wolfe stated the Committee needs to appoint another Chair and Vice Chair to the Board. Brock Thomas nominated Lawrence Straughn. Shanna Moore made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Fred Kelly nominated Al Bartko to serve as the Vice Chair to the Committee. Shanna Moore made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Update on Arbor Day Celebration – Matt Johnson said that Arbor Day is scheduled for March 18th, 2011. The Town will plant two Cherry trees; one at Jamestown Middle School at 3:00 pm and one at Haynes Inman at 4:00 pm. The JMS 8th graders will be present for the Arbor Day Celebration. The Ragsdale High School HOPE Club will participate in the Celebration at Haynes Inman. This Arbor Day Celebration is a requirement of our Tree City USA designation. This is our third year as a Tree City USA. The Town also received a “Growth Award” this year.
7. Discuss donation of items for Jamestown Park & Golf Course – Chuck Smith stated the Town is anticipating adopting a sponsorship/donation Program for Jamestown Park similar to the program we adopted for the Wrenn-Miller Park. We had some interest in donating T-markers on the golf course. Smith stated different styles & prices of benches could be donated. (Fire Station Bench & Main Street benches) Other possible items:
 - Commemorative trees
 - Tables
 - Trash receptacles
 - Hole-in-one brick – Moore asked Johnson if he could get a sample “hole-in-one” brick for the next meeting

The Committee also talked about advertisers donating items at the Park to gain exposure. Other suggestions:

- Donating commemorative pieces to replace items currently at the Park (Ex: patio furniture)
- Water fountain

Chuck Smith asked the Committee members to think of other examples and bring this item back up at the April meeting.

8. Open discussion by Parks & Recreation Members regarding recreation events and facilities for 2011 - Matt Johnson stated this is a time for Committee Members to discuss parks & recreation opportunities they see as possible future needs of the community. Shanna Moore asked for an update on the Deep River Paddle Trail. Johnson said this project is listed on the CIP Plan. We would like to work with the City of High Point to

apply for a grant to construct a “put in” for kayaks and canoes. It is all a matter of funding.

Johnson said Molly Froelich is setting up a neighborhood meeting for March 21, 2010 to inform the neighborhood of potential plans she has to renovate the Potter House and the Old Mill on Ragsdale/Dillon Road. Froelich is planning on constructing a “put-in” at her location for kayaks and canoes. Johnson said that while this would be a private enterprise, it would help the cause for the Deep River Trail.

Lawrence Straughn stated he thought of several different ideas. He envisioned ways to get more people in the community physically active. He envisioned areas, example parcourse, which are designated areas along the trails and greenways where different physical boxes such as steps, pull ups or jumps, obstacle course would be positioned. This would promote more people to use the trails than just walkers. A problem might be to identify areas where these physical boxes would be appropriate to locate.

Straughn also reminded members that the idea of a Community Message Board has been previously discussed. The Town could advertise the parcourse on the Message Board and Town website for pedestrians to participate in. Town staff said the location for the Community Message Board is planned for the Wrenn Miller Park.

He also suggested a dog run, an area where pet owners could take their dogs to run. This area should have a pet waste disposal receptacle.

Shanna Moore stated many years ago GTCC received a grant to do a parcourse. She believes the school may still have this equipment. If she can get approval, she will try to acquire the equipment.

Shanna said there are so many opportunities to walk in Jamestown. It would be good if the Town could post on the website a map of the brick sidewalks with the distances listed. Maybe have a map showing miles to different locations in Town. This would be a great tool for walkers & people that keep track of miles walked. Smith said there is a GIS tool online that we could provide as a link on the website. People could map the mileage from their house to any destination in Town. Bartko said this might appeal to walking clubs, jogging clubs and bicyclists. Also find a way to involve the local YMCA and area schools.

Fred Kelly said if the irrigation project is going to be completed on April 15, 2011, we should do a grand opening. Do a promotion of the Golf Course. Put up a big sign on E. Fork Rd.; try to appeal to new players. Kelly said the people need to feel welcomed at the Golf Course. We need to show people that the work has been completed. We need to promote the Course and the Pro Shop. The group briefly discussed after the irrigation system project is complete, there are greens that need to be renovated. Brock Thomas stated it is a matter of funding.

9. Other business – Tervo said this is his last meeting and he has enjoyed working with the group. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.