

Truth or Consequences Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

of regular meeting held at the Truth or Consequences City Commission Chambers, 405 W. 3rd St., Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, June 3, 2013, 6:00 pm.

members in attendance

Greg D'Amour
Millie McLeod
Carole Wheeler
Ed Williams

Also present:

Chuck Wentworth, Bill Slettom, Juan Fuentes

Pledge of allegiance:

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Ed Williams, seconded by Carole Wheeler, passed by ayes of members of board

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Comments from the public: none

Recreation department needs/assessment update:

- Peter Baca stated that the men's and women's softball league has started.
- Little League will start soon.
- The new baseball fence has been put up.
- The fish pond is being cleaned of algae and is stocked every other month.
- The tennis courts have had the wind screens replaced, cleaned the area and the netting repaired. Backboard will be constructed of plywood by the city.
- Soil and conservation came and tested our soil to see what trees will grow well in our caliche soil.
- Carole Wheeler wanted to know who to contact. Don Armijo is head of maintenance.
- The bathroom at the west side of Ralph Edwards Park has been vandalized, and will have to be repaired.
- Whitehead Chevrolet, part of the national Chevrolet organization had wanted to donate some money to youth sports. Ms. Wheeler stated that the city needs to track the teams and leagues and contact information. If a donation is forthcoming, people don't know who to contact. There was no one to run baseball this year, so this was unusual year, per Greg D'Amour. That is why an easy answer was not possible.
- Carole Wheeler discussed an email from Diane Lombardo, an idea about free movies in the park, an idea for recreation.

Juan Fuentes stated that the dry erase board that is in the office at the building be brought out and put into meeting room, so everyone can see who the contact person is for all of the baseball, softball and soccer league play. This information can also be posted on the front of the Armijo Park office also so people can see who to contact when they have issues. These measures will alleviate that problem.

1. Mr. Fuentes also stated that a new gazebo has been purchased. Ed Williams wanted to know how electricity is obtained at the gazebo. Peter Baca told the board that the gazebo is on a new, dedicated electrical circuit.
2. Mr. Fuentes said that he was having a conference call the next day with the engineers and architects about the pool cover. The New Mexico environment department came to Truth or Consequences and ruled that a ground mounted emergency shut-off be installed inside the pool cover, in addition to the existing one. Also, the drain is not large enough to handle rain water and needs to be enlarged, so the water will not backflow to the swimming pool, contaminating it. A \$20,000 change over is required for this, and security cameras in case of vandalism of the cover after it is erected. It was stated that people had called asking why the pool was closed when it could be open until the end of July. Juan Fuentes answered that when the necessary permits and corrections have been done; the city will want to finish the cover quickly and will not be able to do this if the public is in the pool. Where the storage building that has been torn down, will be the new storage for the cover when it is not on the pool. The filter system is being replaced and construction is being done now.

Juan Fuentes stated that the city wants the public to be apprised of everything the city is doing about the pool cover so there will be no rumors about the city.

Other business: Board member Julie Durham has turned in her letter of resignation. The city clerk's office has notified the board that Greg D'Amour and Ed William's terms of service are up. They must both reapply to the city for readmission to the Truth or Consequences Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Other applicants will also apply to the city clerk's office.

Adjournment: Carole Wheeler adjourned the meeting.

Next Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2013 6:00 pm