

**Truth or Consequences Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Of the regular meeting held at the Recreation Building, 2800 S. Broadway,
Truth or Consequences, New Mexico,**

September 9, 2013, 6:00 pm.

members in attendance

Greg D'Amour
Millie McLeod
Carole Wheeler
Destiny Mitchell
Pat Freemyer

Also present:

Chuck Wentworth, Juan Fuentes, Bill Slettom and Marty Davis, from the Truth or Consequences Parks Maintenance department.

Carole Wheeler lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carole Wheeler read the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Mission Statement and all attendees recited it along with her.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg D'Amour.

Millie McLeod made the motion, seconded by Destiny Mitchell, that the agenda be approved, passed by ayes of members.

Approval of minutes- motion was made by Millie McLeod, seconded by Destiny Mitchell, passed by ayes of members.

No comments were made by the public.

Every year when new members are elected to the Parks and Recreation Board, new officers are elected also.

Nominations were made to re-elect Greg D'Amour chairman of the board, passed by ayes of members.

Nominations were made to re-elect Carole Wheeler as vice-chairperson, passed by ayes of members.

Nominations were made to re-elect Millie McLeod as secretary, passed by ayes of members.

Marty Davis reported that soccer starts at the end of next month. The bathrooms at Louis Armijo Family Park have been renovated. They are locked up at night. Nice cold water fountains are installed. Grand opening will be next week. Wednesday at 10:30 will be the grand opening. The men's and women's softball disagreement has been settled amicably. Youth soccer is ready to be started. Men's and women's softball starts soon.

Juan Fuentes reported that the pool cover is has come in. Arizon is in town to approve set-up. Pool cover may be installed by next week. Pool users might be bothered by extra loud fan noise. All lifeguard positions are filled but one.

Non-skid paint has been used on the girl's and boy's bathrooms at the pool. Heating the whole area of the pool is another issue to be dealt with soon.

Bill Slettom reported that he had received documents from the Sierra County Youth Soccer association, of several possible grant opportunities that are available for which the city has to serve as the applicant, for the development of soccer fields, one of which deals with planning, irrigation, lighting, and land for fields . Millie McLeod made a motion that the Recreation Advisory Board recommend to the city commission that the city apply for these grants for the soccer teams. Destiny Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed by ayes. There is not a dedicated soccer field in Truth or Consequences at this time. Bill stated that the city apply for the planning portion of this grant. Application deadline is September 30.

Bill Slettom reported about the rodeo arena, stating how it is used, who uses it, and the procedure which is in place for reserving the space. It is city property, maintained by the city parks department. Signage will be posted at the arena informing people of the procedure for using the arena. It is now open for people to use. Fees are already in place for the usage of the space.

Tim Brown discussed the gazebo project at Ralph Edwards Park, stating that there is a lot of equipment and supplies the city owns, to complete much of the building of the gazebo. Bill Slettom asked Mr. Brown to look at some material the city had purchased to do the renovation of the gazebo. The city owns a lot of steel, and some tube steel, which can be used. Welders on staff will be able to do the work. Mr. Brown is proposing to get donations to finish this project. He will give of his time for planning this gazebo. It must be made ADA accessible. Destiny Mitchell stated that the Fiesta board will be fundraising next month and maybe they could partner with Tom Brown and the city to share the donated funds. Mr. Brown will do an in-kind donation of his time on this project. He talked about several ideas for this gazebo project.

Juan Fuentes stated that the city needs to receive a plan and an inventory of material the city now owns, plus what is needed in addition, and then this project can go forward.

Pat Freemyer asked who is responsible for keeping existing doggie bags supplied. She was advised to go to the city clerk's office to tell them about the lack of bags.

Carole Wheeler presented information about creating a dog park in the city. She has prepared a small outline to present at the workshop given by the city to decide what projects the city will focus on next.

Studio de La Luz and Grapes are having workshops this coming art hop to discuss what is needed to develop city parks.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Passed by ayes.

Next Recreation Advisory Board meeting
Monday, October 7, 2013 6:00 pm