

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Doug Meece, Bob Breen, Dr. Stanley Goodman, Don Hassler, Dick Wood and Bob Myron. A motion was made and seconded to excuse Tim Meyers. Staff members present were: Jim Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Bob Schappacher, Parks Facilities Manager; Heidi Schiller, Community Arts Center Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager; Ben Strickler, Parks Events Manager; Greg Morrow, Parks Grounds Superintendent; Dave Hartman, Golf Professional; Keith Crutcher, Golf Professional and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2010 meeting. The October minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dog Park Project: Jim Bell read a statement from Tim Meyers asking the Board to consider supporting a dog park to be located at Harbin Park (attached). Mr. Bell presented the Board members with cost estimates for the Harbin Park site (attached). The Board discussed the following issues; the negative perception of constructing a dog park in economic hard times, the pros and cons of the Harbin Park site, and the Board's initial site at Black Bottom park. Bob Breen shared that the Environmental Commission had reviewed the Harbin Park site and was against placing a dog park in Harbin Park. Following the discussion; it was the consensus of the Board to place the dog park at the Black Bottom park location, once the park is developed.

Operations Reports (September 2010): Jim Bell reviewed the September 2010 operations reports for revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached).

2010 Recreation Facilities Fund Update: Bob Schappacher, Dave Hartman Keith Crutcher, Greg Morrow and Cindi Lewellyn gave a brief synopsis of the golf and aquatic center operations for the 2010 season (golf operations, concessions, golf maintenance, and aquatic operations).

Heidi Schiller, Greg Morrow, Keith Crutcher and Dave Hartman were excused from the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Huffman Farm Property Update: Jim Bell updated the Board on the Huffman Farm property and the on-going meetings with the family trust. Jim Bell reviewed a power-point presentation recently shared with City Council regarding proposed uses of the property; in line with the wishes of the family (attached). Jim relayed that the transfer of the property would probably not occur until early 2012.

Doug Meece was excused from the meeting at 6:22 PM to attend a school function.

Bob Breen will take the Huffman Property handout to the Environmental Commission to inform the committee members of the future site plans.

Ben Strickler and Dr. Stanley Goodman were excused from the meeting at 6:25 PM to attend the CAAC meeting.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Council Update: None

Planning Commission Update: None

Environmental Commission Update: As earlier discussed, Bob Breen reported that the Environmental Commission had review the proposed dog park location at Harbin Park and was against the location. Mr. Breen also reported that Ann Fiehr Flaig, Butler County Environmental Services had attended a recent EC meeting.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM. The next monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held at the Fairfield Community Arts Center on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 5:30 PM.

Cyndi A Kreke
Secretary