

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Monica Timberlake called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF THE COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Monica Timberlake - Absent
Vice Chairperson: Shanana Rain BearCat - Present
Committee Member: Pamela Caskey - Present
Committee Member: Elliott Ness - Absent
Committee Member: James 'Bubba' White - Present
Committee Member: Joanne Winer - Present
Committee Member: Vacant

Staff Present: Miguel Castellanos, Deputy Town Clerk; Jim Ferguson, Interim Town Manager; Emmett Brinkerhoff, Public Works Director.

All Business Items are open to public discussion when the Chairperson calls for it for each item, after the Board has had an opportunity to discuss and possibly act on each item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Committee Member Pamela Caskey motioned to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2016 and Committee Member Bubba White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action to nominate and elect a Secretary for the Park and Recreation Committee.

Committee Member Joanne Winer nominated Committee Member Pamela Caskey for Park & Recreation Committee Secretary and Committee Member Bubba White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of plans for the Halloween Event at Town Park.

Shanana Rain BearCat updated the Committee of the plans for the Halloween event, which is called Pumpkin Parkway. The Quartzsite Youth Council are going to extend the haunted

house. The event will have contests for best booth and costume. The Event will be held Saturday, October 29th.

Committee Member Joanne Winer spoke of the Haunted Trail the Scholars' Academy held and of the caravan that took the kids to different locations.

Jim Ferguson, Interim Town Manager, talked about a discussion inviting businesses and organizations to the Halloween Event. He also mentioned transit will be available for the event.

3. Discussion of plans for the September 11 Dedication of the Bells Ceremony.

Committee Member Joanne Winer would like to thank the Parks Department for all the hard work they put out in Celia's Garden.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat asked what is needed for the September 11 Dedication of the Bells Ceremony.

Committee Member Joanne Winer said about 50 chairs are needed, tables and easy up shades are being provided by the Town. She also said she will provide cookies and drinks.

4. Discussion and clarification of proposed changes to the Town Park Rules.

Jim Ferguson, Interim Town Manager, explained he needed some clarification on a few changes to the proposed rule changes.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat explained some items had no wiggle room for special events, so they wanted to add the possibilities for Town approved events.

Jim Ferguson said "Any vehicle authorized by the Department of Motor Vehicle may utilize designated roads and parking areas only" has everything that is needed to achieve its purpose.

Jim Ferguson said having special approval for overnight camping or archery at the park is redundant because it already states a permit is needed in the rules. He also said he would ask the attorneys if the line that says "Town Park Rules are subordinate to State Law" can be removed.

Jim Ferguson recommended having an age limit for responsibility of children at the Park.

Starr BearCat noticed a RV parked at the parking lot in the Park, she suggested having a designated RV parking location and a time limit for parking so people won't camp. Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat would like to change the time limit for being at the Park to 3 hours instead of 7 hours.

Jim Ferguson answered having signs put up to designate RV parking could be done. The Park is a public park and everybody should be allowed to have the same privilege.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat said in the past there have been problems with enforcement. Jim Ferguson said enforcement can always be an issue since the Police Department could have other things to do than to keep track of who and how long someone has been at the Park.

Emmett Brinkerhoff added the new landscape had resolved the issue for people parking and taking the kiosk for the day.

REPORTS:

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat spoke of a workshop at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns. In the workshop, it explained that parks are very important to a community and that the Town Park could benefit from more shade.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Committee Member Pamela Caskey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. and Committee Member Joanne Winer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2016, of the Park and Recreation Committee of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on September 7, 2016.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2016.

Miguel Castellanos, Deputy Town Clerk

On behalf of the Board,

Approved:

Chairperson Timberlake