

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 11:02 a.m.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Monica Timberlake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF THE COMMITTEE:

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

Staff Present: Rosa Santos, Recreation Coordinator; Tracey Hess, Public Works Administrative Assistant; Miguel Castellanos, Deputy Town Clerk.

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 Secretary Pamela Caskey motioned to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 5, 2016 and Committee Member Joanne Winer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the expansion of the R/C Airfield.

Tom Mill, member of the Quartzsite Desert Flyers, explained to the Committee the Air Field expansion proposal that was brought to them in previous meetings.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat asked if Mr. Mill could explain the short runway. Tom Mill responded the short runway was used for days when the weather would not allow flight using the longer runway.

Tom Mill added that there is not enough room to park for people that go to the events.

Ted Harold, member of Quartzsite Desert Flyers, commented that there are many types of flyers that spend lots of money and that would stay in the Town that could bring in revenue. He said if the expansion were to be put in, there would be room for vendors to sell at these events and bring in more revenue for the Town.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake said the issue that could slow down the process is the approval from BLM.

Tracey Hess suggested expanding the parking south of the Air Field entrance, making it the easiest and could possibly double the parking area.

Joanne Winer pointed out that south of the entrance is part of Celia's Gardens. She said the Town would have to relocate some fitness equipment at the south of the Air Field if the parking area is approved.

2. Discussion and possible action to recommend proposed changes to Town Park Rules.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake would like to add "No excessive noise except in designated areas. If excessive noise occurs, your deposit may not be reimbursed. Unless for a scheduled Town Event."

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat would like to change the park hour limit from 7 hours to 4 hours per day.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake would also like to remove "Children eight years and younger must be supervised by an adult at all times."

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain motioned to recommend to Council to approve the Park Rules with the three changes to go onto the next available council meeting and Committee Secretary Pamela Caskey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Snack Shack concession stand.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake tabled the item for next meeting.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat asked if Public Works Director Emmett Brinkerhoff could attend the next meeting to answer questions about the Snack Shack.

4. Discussion and possible action on the staging area for the AZ Peace Trail.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake tabled the item for the next meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action on Cenpatico grant funding.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat explained the available funding that Cenpatico could award to the Town for various projects in the Park.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat directed staff to look into Cenpatico funding for the Town Park.

6. Discussion of the 2016 Halloween event.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake gave the Committee a recap of the Halloween event.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat thanked the volunteers who helped with games. She added that more volunteers were needed for the games at the Community Center.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat suggested making a bigger bean bag toss game instead of the two that the Town currently has.

7. Discussion and possible action on the status of the BLM lease for Town Park.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake tabled the item until the next meeting.

8. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a storage facility.

Chairperson Monica Timberlake commented the Parks and Recreation department desperately needs a storage for their supplies.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat added the Community Center office is also overcrowded with supplies.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain Bearcat directed staff to see what money is available to purchase a storage container for the Community Center.

REPORTS:

Rosa Santos updated the Committee that the quotes are in for repairing the exercise equipment in the Community Center.

Committee Secretary Pamela Caskey would like to apologize for not being able to volunteer at some of the events.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat said that being on the Committee helps a lot.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:33 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Shanana Rain BearCat motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. and Committee Secretary Pamela Caskey 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 November 9, 2016, of the Park and Recreation Committee of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on November 9, 2016.

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

DATED this 7 day of December 2016.



Miguel Castellanos, Deputy Town Clerk

On behalf of the Board,

Approved:



Chairperson Timberlake