



Minutes
DURHAM PARKS & REC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY JULY 11, 2013
PARKS & RECREATION BUILDING
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Attendees: Doreen (alternate), Jayson, Dave Howland, Nate Trauntvein (Stefanie Frazee).

Doreen is sitting in and voting in place of the place of David Leach.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved with the change of moving Todd RTK to the beginning so he could run.

6. Question Answers RE: RTK with Todd Selig

RTK focuses on 24 hours announcement with postings in 2 places including a website.

Posting should have time and place posted and preferred to have topics. Public has the right to attend, but not the right to speak. Unless it is a public hearing. Attendees can record the meeting. Minutes must be taken, and are the official record.

Minutes don't have to be as detailed.

Challenge is talking about controversial things in public, but there must be a quorum. Non-public sessions are for hiring or firing of an employee, land acquisition, etc. Within 72 hours the minutes must be made available, unless sealed.

Things outside a public meeting. Email has created this issue. Decisions can not be made. No sequential discussions. Email chains should not be "Replying All". We can have individuals work together, but they need to bring stuff back to the group. Send stuff through Stefanie and then back to the committee. This is going to slow things down.

3. Approval of Minutes (6/19/13 see minutes below)

Nate motioned, Dave seconded. Unanimous approval.

4. Director Update

Stefanie will be doing bimonthly newsletters.

Collaborations with the library. The Story teller at the town landing. Good interagency collaboration.

Bliss has been cancelled twice.

Some damage occurred to the grass at the bottom of the lawn next to the bay, as we were removing equipment when the rains came.

One of our Town Council members is concerned with the new types of use at Wagon Hill. The council will be discussing this at their next meeting.

Next concert will be the Westminster Hillbillies on August 8th. 5pm – 5:30 for parking. NATE TRAUNTVEIN will be helping with parking.

August 15th Fling.

Community complaints can be filed at DPW. Stefanie spoke with Mike Lynch, we need to send people to complain at DPW via written or call. We do have a playground safety checklist. Ray Laroche does the checklist.

Stefanie should get a copy of the Safety check-off.

5. Public Comments – Community input and participation is welcome during the Public Comment period. Limiting comments to five minutes is encouraged.

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7. Business

Budget for next year.

Request for Bathrooms, parking lot, and Stefanie work-study person.

Nate motioned to recommend all three of the above. Dave Seconded. Unanimously approved.

- A. Signage at Wagon Hill. (Discuss at the August meeting)
- B. Discuss organizing group discounts for local attractions for the community. (Discuss at the August Meeting)

8. Workshop

- A. Beth will help guide us through the starts of the master plan process.
 - a. How will the chapters be drafted?
 - Voted that Beth will be drafting the chapter and we will provide feedback.
 - b. Review the progress: History, accomplishments, inventory, accomplishments
 - All good. Beth will be able to complete a draft.
 - c. Review the Survey and results from 2007 and 2010.
 - Nate recommends that key points that should be drawn out include: Better connectivity of community via bike and walking paths; increased partnerships w/ University, ORCSD, and other neighboring communities; increased marketing (particularly seasonal guides).
 - d. Review of issues

ORYA has requested several things to be included in the MP including the following:

- Town gymnasium/Rec Center (2 full basketball courts, gym equipment, multipurpose room, office space, etc.)
- Additional rectangular field space
- Track either done with ORCSD or separately.
- Improvements to Woodridge (Father Lawless)
 - Field drainage
 - Irrigation
 - Playing surface
 - Weed control
 - Regular chemical treatments
 - Seasonal core aeration
- Improvements to the rink
 - Close in the rink
 - Improve locker rooms and bathrooms
 - Add warm viewing room

If they really want to request these things they need to provide more information regarding current use, past use, by Durham Residents and proof of demand by Durham residents.

Beth will send a draft of the chapter to the committee on September 16th. We will be discussing the chapter in our August 22 meeting and you can send changes and edits to Beth at anytime after that.

9. Adjourn 9:30pm