

**The TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 6, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Cusack called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of the Town of Apple Valley to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairman Larry Cusack, Vice-Chairman Patrick Lyons, Commissioners Michael Hinkle, Michael Martin and Richard Turnbull.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Michael Martin

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Approval of Minutes for Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 7, 2008. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

2. Approval of Parks and Recreation Division Monthly Report

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Hinkle to approve the monthly report for January 2008. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

3. Civic Center Park Amphitheater Rental and Use Policy

Ralph Wright, Community Services Manager presented a policy on private and public use of the Civic Center Park Amphitheater.

Commissioner Hinkle asked about the insurance requirements and whether or not they were for indemnification for injuries. Mr. Wright stated that the insurance requirement is to protect the Town in the event that a liability claim should result from a private event.

Commissioner Hinkle asked if there is a subsidy associated with the current rental fee of \$90 per hour. Mr. Wright stated that there is not a subsidy associated with the fee because there are no other incurred costs to the Town for a group to use the amphitheater.

Discussion ensued about marketing the amphitheater for as many uses as possible.

Motion by Commissioner Turnbull, seconded by Vice-Chairman Lyons to approve the Civic Center Park Amphitheater Rental and Use Policy. Motion carried by a 5-0-0-0 vote.

4. Joint Meeting of Equestrian Advisory Committee and the Park and Recreation Commission

Mr. Wright informed the Commission of the requested meeting between the Equestrian Advisory Committee (EAC) and the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC). He stated that the joint meeting is part of the goals and work plan of the EAC which the Town Council has approved. Six items as topics of discussion requested by the EAC were presented to the Commission.

Chairman Cusack stated that the joint meeting would be good for goal setting between the EAC and PRC.

Commissioner Martin asked if the EAC had a budget for improvements and events. Mr. Wright stated that the EAC does not have a budget and if there were improvements and events, they would need to go through the budget process.

It was the consensus of the Commission to tentatively schedule the joint meeting for Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Wright said that he would confirm the date with the Commission after the EAC meets.

5. Update on Analysis of Parks and Recreation General Fund Analysis

Mr. Wright informed the Commission that staff is close to completing all of the cost breakdowns of every park and every program. There will be a Council/Staff workshop to discuss the cost analysis. He mentioned that the Interim Town Manager recommended that the analysis be presented to the Town Council first since it has to do with policy decisions in regards to the overall General Fund. The Council concurred with this recommendation. He stated that the results of the workshop will be presented to the Commission and he encouraged them to attend the workshop.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Dennis Cron, Director of Public Services commended the parks maintenance staff on bringing the ballfield maintenance at James Woody Park to a higher standard. He discussed the preparations made to the turf, infields and fencing for Little League season.

He also informed the Commission of the tree trimming work that has been done at some parks.

Chairman Cusack asked if the new ballfield lighting systems are being used frequently. Mr. Cron stated that the lights are being used and being able to turn lights on and off from a satellite location has also provided more convenience and efficiency.

COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wright also commended parks maintenance staff on the ballfield maintenance at James Woody Park. He also commended them for the maintenance of Brewster Park.

He also discussed the Victorville AYSO soccer tournament that was held at Brewster Park February 8 – 9 and how successful the event and coordination of parking was. He mentioned that Apple Valley Soccer Club and the School District have tournaments scheduled for May and the use of Brewster Park for tournaments is starting to increase.

Mr. Wright informed the Commission that the Youth Basketball Tournament was cancelled due to lack of participation however it will be offered again next year.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mr. Wright asked the Commission how often they would like to have a Power Point presentation updating them on all of the department's programs and activities.

Chairman Cusack suggested that the presentation be done twice a year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Turnbull to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

TOWN CLERK