



WALKERTOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE
WALKERTOWN TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 2, 2006

MINUTES

Mayor Davis called the Recreation Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Davis, George Withers, Jeff Larrimore, Arlyn Wilson and Clerk Lynn. In the audience were Councilmember Sarah Welch, Manager Bell, and Brandon Keel, reporter for Kernersville News.

The minutes from the meeting of October 18, 2006 were unanimously approved on a motion made by Arlyn Wilson and seconded by Jeff Larrimore.

Ms. Wilson stated that as a stipulation for any funds from the Arts Council would take a while because they would need to form an arts council board; meet and make the decision to give a certain amount of money; and then disband. The members of the Recreation Committee understood this to be the proper procedure. Mayor Davis said we would be likely to get more money from other groups when there is a definite plan as to what the money will be spent on. However, he felt that we could not, as a town, sit by and let any one group or any one person holding money to donate to the Recreation Fund dictate what we do, even if it means going without their money. We just cannot cater to any one person or group – it has to be a community effort.

Arlyn Wilson provided a bit of information on the Friends of the Park by saying that when that group was set up, each family put in \$100 specifically stated for a certain use.

Mayor Davis said that the Recreation Committee was set up to make a recommendation to the Town Council concerning recreation – Community Center Building and/or park. He asked if there was any new information regarding money being donated and then stated that this committee is trying to bring the different groups together for a common purpose which would benefit the community. No one has heard from Gene Reid, who represents the “Old Community Center Group” – which also holds funds to be used for recreation.

Jeff Larrimore stated that he would like the Community and Recreation Center be built at the Wickenham Road Park.

Arlyn Wilson said she would like to go on record that the facility be built at the Wickenham Road Park.

Mayor Davis said that it seemed like everyone was in favor of building a Community Center Building but no agreement has been reached as to where to put it. He felt we were unprepared to make a decision. However, after more discussion of the group, it became obvious that the members present at this meeting want a building and want it built at the Wickenham Road Park.

Jeff Larrimore said we needed to know how much money we can get in order to determine the size and plan of the building.

Mayor Davis reiterated that it is the consensus of this committee to recommend to the Town Council that the Recreation Committee is moving towards a Community Center building. Further, this committee would like to find out how much money the town council would allocate from town funds towards this goal.

Lynn felt that we need to have public hearings and informational meetings to involve the residents and public in the Walkertown area – find out what the people want. This would help in two ways – finding out the public’s wants and when we apply for grants, this type of input would most likely be required as part of the grant process. Mayor Davis was of the opinion that until we get answers from the Town Council, we are just spinning our wheels. This Committee was formed to give advice to the Town Council on recreation needs.

Arlyn Wilson asked if we could go on record as saying this committee wants a Community Center building and we want it at Wickenham Park. The members agreed to this suggestion and Mayor Davis said we also need to ask the Council how much money would be available (from town funds) for building the Center. Ms. Wilson requested that we put a report from the Recreation Committee on the November 16th Town Council meeting – and Mayor Davis said it was an item which could also be discussed at the Workshop meeting to be held on November 9th. Jeff Larrimore stressed the need for looking for sewer grants and Ron Bell replied that we need to have a building plan in place first – before we look for any type of grants. George Withers also asked if we were looking for any kind of grants to help us monetarily. Ron Bell answered that you have to be more specific before you can apply for grants – there has to be a more formalized plan.

NEXT RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:

- NONE SET AT THIS TIME

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jeff Larrimore and seconded by Arlyn Wilson, the committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lynn McKinnie
Recreation Committee Secretary