

GERMANTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Germantown Parks and Recreation Commission for March 25, 2010 was held at Parks and Recreation, 2276 West Street.

PRESENT:

Kevin Young
Jerry Gee
Mary Anne Gibson
Bob Timm
Angela Sorensen
William Kenley
Pam Beasley, Director of Parks and Recreation

ABSENT:

Rodney Strop
Jim Wilson
Mark Billingsley, Alderman

Guests:

Mike Agee,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Timm to approve the March 25, 2010 agenda as submitted.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen - yes; Kenley – yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2010

It was moved by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Timm to approve the February 25, 2010 minutes as submitted.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Kenley – abstain; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes; Motion approved.

POLICY LETTER No. 33 – APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED REVISIONS

Ms. Ruffin reported that due to the transition in youth sports this past year, the Youth Sports Task Force Committee was established in an effort to create several committees that will work toward guiding youth sports in Germantown. The committee has met several times to date and after several work sessions, a full review of the policy has been completed along with recommended revisions. After a discussion on each revision, a motion and second was given, either approving, amending or denying the proposed change.

Summary of Policy Letter No. 33 Revisions:

1. Residency requirement of 70% in each age group – changed to each team.

It was moved by Mr. Kenley, seconded by Mr. Timm to approve item #1 as submitted.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes.
Motion approved.

2. Delete section on transition plan for new policy guidelines.
3. Provide for a multi-year agreement (3 years) with sports providers, at the City's option.

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Timm to approve #3 with the option to renew/extend annually up to three years upon approval of the sports provider's After Action report.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes.
Motion approved.

4. Budget information to include line item descriptions
5. Delivery System Information section to include: dates/times of tryouts, tournament requests, league administration details with staffing and communications plan.
6. Revision of sports calendars (to add new sports).
7. Omitted the requirements on competitive league structure.
8. Provider to implement coaches' training.
9. Evaluations completed within 60 days of the season.
10. Implement a "seasonal deposit fee" for field renters - \$100 for resident teams; \$150 for non-resident teams.

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kenley to remove #10 due to the inability to enforce.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes.
Motion approved.

11. Update the list of current Facility Use Agreements with youth sports providers.

By consent, it was moved to approve numbers 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 as general housekeeping issues.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes.
Motion approved.

Other edits to consider:

1. Allow students attending a Germantown school to be “counted” as a resident as it relates to residency requirements for competitive tryouts (non-residency fees would still apply).

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Timm to allow students who attend Germantown schools to be counted as a resident as it relates to residency requirements for competitive teams. (change “tryouts” to “teams”)

Young – yes; Gee – no; Gibson – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes. Motion approved.

2. Allow non-resident recreation league players who have played in the league for at least 3 years to be able to try out for the competitive program and be “counted” as a resident (non-residency fees would still apply). The rationale being that these players have developed their skills in the Germantown program and their families have played a part in the success of the league program.

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Timm to delete #2 for reasons that it would complicate things, make it more difficult to track, and cause accountability to be less stable.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes.
Motion approved.

ADOPTION OF THE 2010 STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Ms. Beasley presented the 2010 Strategic Action Agenda to the commission for final review and stated that she plans to work with the city’s public information office to provide the document on the website so that citizens in the community will know what the Parks and Recreation Commission is working to accomplish.

It was moved by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Kenley to approve and adopt the Parks and Recreation Commission 2010 Strategic Action Plan.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Gibson – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Update of Riverdale Park Playground Demonstration Project

Ms. Beasley reported that the Board of Mayor and Alderman approved the donation of \$300,000.00 for a new nature playground at Riverdale Park. The city has agreed to consider \$80,000.00 in their CIP budget and to her understanding has already been approved by the Financial Advisory Commission. Ms. Beasley is confident that the request will be approved and made official.

The design process has started and will be a "community-built" playground, which means that the community will put the vision for the playground in place. With that said, Ms. Beasley is inviting all stakeholders, neighbors, teachers, and the physical therapy department at Baptist Rehab (because they are awarding the grant), to participate and have an opportunity to determine what elements will be included in the design. There will be a community meeting on March 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riverdale Elementary School. The Playcore design team will be present to get input from the public and then they will meet with at least three school classes and get input from the kids on what they think the perfect playground might look like. Finally, there will be a team of physical therapists to make sure the design is completely inclusive and accessible.

Construction will begin in June with the playground being erected in July. Landscaping will be done in November and will be allowed to fill out prior to the grand opening & ribbon cutting slated for May, 2011.

Senior Summit Status

The Senior Citizen's Advisory Commission met and is putting together several different groups that will address categories of concern that were raised at the Senior Summit last year. A few items being addressed include:

- A Senior Center - whether or not there should be one
- Lifelong learning – what programs should be provided
- Senior Services – healthcare and transportation

Upon completion, they will present to the city and updates will be provided to this commission.

Tennis Contract

Ms. Ruffin reported that staff started working on a proposal for a Director of Tennis or Tennis Professional in December 2009. Angie Sorensen and Rodney Strop from the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Sylvia Poll from the Beautification Commission, were part of the committee. In the end, Kevin Essary who is currently teaching professionally at Windyke Country Club was recommended. Mr. Essary has ten years of teaching experience and is a USPTA P1 certified professional. Mr. Essary is rated a 5.0 in TRP and is ranked in the southeast region in doubles and singles and serves on the Board of Directors for the USTA. A number two pro, Jay Horn, who is currently working at the Racquet Club, will accompany him.

Ms. Ruffin stated that Mr. Essary is a very likable guy and will bring a lot of skill and energy to the program. Staff is very excited. Mr. Essary and his team will start on May 24th and will manage the pro shop, taking court reservations and providing merchandise at the facility.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION/COMMITTEE LIAISONS

No reports provided.

RECREATION UPDATE

Ms. Ruffin highlighted the Half Marathon and Mayor's Cup 5K. In spite of the extremely cold and wet day, a record 1,500 participated in the marathon, 400 in the 5K. Staff commended Harry Scott for doing a great job handling the chaos that comes with an event of that size.

The after-dark egg hunt on Friday, March 26th is expected to be a great success with approximately 200 kids, ages 9 to 12 attending. The Easter Eggstravaganza, always a huge draw will take place on Saturday, the 27th.

Softball kicked off with approximately 120 players and will partner with Collierville for all ages except the 9-11 group. All games will take place in Collierville.

Soccer is in full swing with 300 participating.

Other events coming up:

Summer Camps, concerts in the park, the campout, Tails on Trails, March of Dimes cookout, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.