

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL PARKS & REC MINUTES
October 18, 2010-7:00 PM
Wesley Chapel Town Hall
4107 New Town Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28173

Committee Members Present: Julie Brown, Marnie Holland, John Lepke, Regina Hilbert
Committee Members Absent: Bill Bennett, Pat Utley, Alternate Member Elaine Rossof,
Non-Committee Members Present: Council Member Sondra Bradford and Resident Carol Mullis

John Lepke called the session to order at 7:30 PM.

1. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopted as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

Minutes from September 20, 2010 were adopted.

4. DISCUSSION OF WATER RELATED RECREATION GRANT FOR \$225,000 AND POTENTIAL FOR RESURRECTING PAGE PRICE PARK

Sondra Bradford called DENR, Division of Water Resources to see if the Water Resources Development Project Grant would apply to building a pond. During this discussion she found out that DENR would have awarded Wesley Chapel the \$225,000 grant for Page Price Park. They also mentioned that this money was available and they would still be willing to award it to Wesley Chapel. The Park and Recreation committee discussed whether we should try to resurrect Page Price Park. The Park and Recreation Committee unanimously agreed to resurrect Page Price Park if the following conditions occurred:

*The State of North Carolina would agree to give back the PARTF Grant to Wesley Chapel. However, Wesley Chapel would not explore this option unless all of Council agreed to build Page Price Park. There is no way Wesley Chapel could back out again from the PARTF Grant without damaging our town's credibility with the state.

* Receive a very good cost estimate of a left turn lane. (There are 2 engineering firms willing to provide Wesley Chapel with an estimate. One firm would do it free of charge. Another firm would charge \$500 for estimate. Sondra will ask Council to approve this expense) Also, the committee discussed whether we needed a left turn lane; DOT has no set guidelines but we should assume we need it since the park cannot be accessed by a secondary road.

The Park and Recreation committee discussed how to make Page Price Park even more affordable. One option would be to lower the pond by a foot. This would reduce the size of the pond from 6 acres to 4 acres. This might reduce the cost of the park by \$80,000 and also might eliminate the need for the boardwalk. However, several members of the committee did not want to reduce the size of the pond.

5. DISCUSSION OF PARK PARTNERSHIP WITH WEDDINGTON AND UNION COUNTY

Sondra talked with the new Union County Parks and Recreation director, Bill Whitley, regarding a partnership with Wesley Chapel and Union County. Union County Parks and Recreation only wants to partner with schools. The town of Weddington does not have a strong interest in partnering with Wesley Chapel.

Marnie Holland is going to talk with Principal Davis at New Town Elementary to see if they would like to partner with Wesley Chapel by building a trail at the school. This trail could be utilized by the school (Girls on the Run and physical education classes) and the citizens of Wesley Chapel. John Lepke is going to have his daughter talk with Cuthbertson High School regarding a similar partnership. Juli Brown is going to talk with Dr. Breedlove regarding a partnership.

6. UPDATE AND COMPLETE LIST OF PROPERTIES TO BE EVALUATED AS POTENTIAL PARK SITES

Sondra provided John Lepke with additional properties and prices regarding new and existing properties.

7. DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR FIRST PHASE EVALUATION, ASSIGNMENT OF SITES AND ASSOCIATED TIMETABLE

John showed the Park and Recreation committee how to use the Union County GIS Map system to help with the evaluation of parks. He will assign member of the team with properties to evaluate for parks after the meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m,