

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 120 Potter Road, Monroe, NC 28110
September 17, 2012 – 7:00 PM

Members Present: John Lepke, Julie Brown, Mike Como, Jerry Davis and Pat Utley. Marnie Holland arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Council Liaison: Kim Ormiston and Elaine Rosoff were present.

Members Absent: Alternate members Gayla Adams and John Balles were absent.

Staff: Melody Graham

Others Present: Carol Mullis

WELCOME / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Lepke called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. A quorum was present.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Mr. Lepke moved the *Discussion of Project Priorities for WC Friends of Parks & Rec* to the end of the agenda to allow time for Ms. Bradford to arrive.

Mr. Lepke added *Discussion of Action Items to be Taken Prior to Construction* to the agenda to coincide with the *Discuss other Wirth Questions that Need Resolution to Complete Construction Documents*.

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2012

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2012 meeting as submitted. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS PARK SIGNS

The Committee discussed the information to be placed on the park signs as well as the location for the signs. The Committee agreed that the sign should prohibit sex offenders from being on park property.

Mr. Lepke moved to forward to Council the recommendation that a resolution be adopted that the park sign include the statement that *No Tobacco is Allowed in the Park*. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed firearms in depth. Mr. Lepke moved to forward to Council the recommendation that a resolution be adopted that *No firearms are Allowed on Park Property*. Mr. Como seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed weapons in general and if the park should prohibit weapons. Mr. Lepke requested that the Village Attorney review the issue of not allowing weapons on park property, but still allowing tools for fishing.

The Committee agreed that park hours are from sunrise to sunset.

The Committee discussed allowing alcohol on park property. Mr. Como moved to not allow alcohol on park property. Ms. Utley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Committee discussed allowing pets on park property. Mr. Como moved include on the sign that pets are welcome on a leash in the park. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ormiston recommended that the park rules sign should be welcoming and positive. The Committee agreed.

The Committee agreed that *Swimming is not Allowed* should be included on the main sign. They also agreed that smaller *No Swimming* signs will be placed around the pond.

The Committee agreed that *No Boating* should be included on the sign at the pond, but not on the main sign.

Ms. Ormiston discussed the location of the signs. The main sign will be located right off the parking lot. Another sign will be placed on the gate at the trail going toward Southbrook and at the back of the property stating '*No Entry*'.

Ms. Brown recommended that a second sign be added at the secondary entrance, which mirrors the main sign. This would be necessary when the secondary entrance is used for special events. The Committee agreed to have two signs.

The Committee agreed to make a rule that prohibits swimming and boating at the park pond.

Mr. Como moved to make a rule that requires that shirts be worn in the park. The motion failed to carry.

The Committee agreed that no organized sporting events will be allowed in the park, but that this rule will not be included on the sign. Instead, the sign will include the statement: "*For Additional Information and Reservations call the Village Hall.*"

The Committee agreed that the sign will say "*For Emergencies call 911.*"

Ms. Ormiston reviewed the design of the sign. It will be brick with cast letters in the same style as the Village Hall sign. She added that the main park sign will be located on Lester Davis Rd. at the bottom of the driveway. It will be a double-sided sign.

The Committee discussed the location of the main park sign and agreed that it would be better if it could be located at the corner of Lester Davis Rd. and Highway 84. Ms. Ormiston explained that the sign location is included in the CUP. In addition, signage at this corner is a high priority for the Council. It is possible that a Village of Wesley Chapel sign could be placed at this corner with a directional arrow pointing to the park entrance.

The Committee agreed that they would prefer the park sign to be moved to the corner of Highway 84 and Lester Davis Rd. if that change doesn't affect the CUP. If it is a major CUP amendment, then they agreed that the sign should remain where it is planned.

Mr. Lepke moved to propose to Council a dual purpose sign on the corner of Hwy 84 and Lester Davis Rd. with *Welcome to Wesley Chapel* and directional arrows pointing to the park and the Village Hall. Ms. Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS OTHER WIRTH QUESTIONS THAT NEED RESOLUTION TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Mr. Lepke stated that the irrigation plans shows a circuit from the shelter to the pond. There is not a circuit for the aerator. He needs to get the circuit specs for the aerator to Wirth. Ms. Brown added that she would like to add lights, if this is not unreasonable.

DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Lepke explained that two issues have come up with a financial impact. The first is that the propane gas tank will need to be relocated for construction. The tank provides heat and plumbing protection for the house in winter. The long-term goal is to switch to Natural Gas service and remove the tank permanently. The quote to move the gas tank was a few hundred dollars plus the cost of removing the propane in the tank. The cost to run the natural gas line is per linear foot, although the first 1500 feet is free. He is waiting to get the cost information and will place this on the agenda for next month. The second issue has to do with the wells on the property. Wells must either be fixed to working condition, closed or abandoned. If closed or abandoned, they must follow very strict state and county regulations. There are two wells. One is located where the parking lot is planned. This well should be closed. The estimated cost to close the well is \$4000-\$6000. The other well is inactive, it was used for the house. The report on this well shows that the pump motor has burned out. The committee needs to decide if the well should be closed or if it should be repaired, getting a new pump and using duck tile pipe to make it operational. It appears that keeping the well will be less expensive than abandoning it.

The Committee agreed that the well should be repaired. The sewer line passing the well will be upgraded from PVC to Ductile to allow for operation of well. It will be used as a secondary water supply and a water supply for the proposed community garden.

Mr. Lepke stated that he would get a quote to make the well operational again. He will also notify Carr that the well will be left operational so they can mark the electrical lines to the pump so it won't be damaged during construction.

Ms. Mullis asked if the decision has been made on whether the house will remain. Mr. Lepke stated that no decision has been made on the house, and that a decision will not be made until additional information is gathered.

FISHING RULES

Mr. Lepke stated that the pond might be stocked by NC Wildlife. If they do stock the pond, then there will be some required rules; license required, limited number of fish, etc. They would like to get the fish in ASAP, but will likely have to wait until after construction. They would like the fish left alone for one year to ensure ample growth.

Mr. Lepke stated that the prospect for the pier looks positive. NC Wildlife might give the Village a fish feeder, but the Village will have to commit to supplying the fish food.

DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR GATE OPENING/CLOSING

The Committee discussed the need for a gate for the park. Ms. Ormiston pointed out that the CUP requires a gate. The Committee agreed that having a gate will not be a problem and that someone can be hired to open and close the gate.

Ms. Brown agreed to check with WCWAA on the gate procedures for the park.

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting schedule. Proposed meetings are planned for every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Ms. Holland moved to adopt the regular meeting schedule as proposed. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ormiston explained that the Council plans to adopt a cancellation policy for committee meetings. The proposed policy will allow committees to reschedule regular meetings with 3 business days notice; to call for a special meeting with 48 hours notice; and to cancel a meeting with 2 days notice.

ESTABLISH DATES FOR VOLUNTEER DAYS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

The Committee agreed that the priorities for the work days are:

1. Finish the trail and ditches on the sides of the trail
2. Begin clearing trees in the wooded area next to Highway 84

The Committee agreed that the first work day will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and the second work day will be held Sunday, November 11 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ms. Ormiston will notify the Union County Weekly and will request that Ms. Bennett post the information on the website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lepke stated that the Council plans to recognize an outstanding Committee member each quarter with a gift card. He recognized Ms. Brown as the recipient for this quarter. He thanked her for her dedication and service.

ADJOURN

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn. Ms. Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody A. Graham

John Lepke, Chair

Adopted: October 15, 2012