

EPHRATA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
MAY 17, 2010

Ephrata Parks and Recreation Commission met on May 17, 2010 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Commission members present: Chair Paul Harrison, Ken Penrose, Mike Huebner and Jason Clark. Recreation/Public Relations Director Ray Towry, Recreation Coordinator Jesse Throgmorton, Parks Maintenance Tim Reynolds and Rod Virden and Secretary Terri Moncrief.

**Roll call:** Chair Harrison verbally acknowledged commission members present and noting Anita Waller, Doug Miller and Jenny Sieg absent.

**Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** April 12, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes were presented. The minutes were approved as written. (m/s Clark/Huebner). Motion carried.

**Citizen Correspondence /Propositions:** There were no Ephrata Community Trails minutes for review.

**Consideration of Action/Informational Items:** a. Towry informed the Commission of the proposed Community Garden Project spear-headed by Commissioner Jenny Sieg who was able to take part in our meeting via tele-conference. Sieg gave an overview of the proposed plans including: meeting with the property owner, Keith Lenssen, the location of the property that is a the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and C Street SW, the construction of the plant boxes by the students of Ephrata Middle School. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to prepare a proposal for City Council requesting they allow the building of the Community Garden. (m/s Penrose/Clark). Motion carried. b. The Bethlehem Chapel Park committee is interested in entering into a long-term lease with the City according to Towry. It has also been suggested the church sell the property to the City. Discussion ensued.

**Special Event Permits:** None

**Commissioner Questions and Comments:** None

**Director's Report:** a. The Boy Scout Pedestrian Bridge at Oasis Park has been put on hold until fall because of the rise in the water level. b. WRPA Conference in April was a big success and well attended. c. The Recreation Department has been busy with getting Splash Zone ready. They have had over 100 applicants for employment along with staff training, scheduling rentals, summer programs and camps. Virden informed the Commission about the pool maintenance he has been working on. d. Towry and Crago are presenting at the upcoming AWC conference on June 25, 2010.

The next scheduled meeting will be on June 14, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair

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Terri Moncrief, Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_