

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON  
REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 – 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Regular Session in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on Monday, September 27, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Scott Buzzard presiding.

Present: Chairman Scott Buzzard, Vice-Chairman Stephanie Belcher, Mike Lee (Arrived at 6:10 p.m.) Sharon Sanders, Jeff Perryman and Town Administrator/Clerk Amy S. McCollum

Absent: Robert Gilmartin

Visitors: Walker Davidson, Brenda McLuskie, and Sue Fitch

**Item No. 1. Open the Meeting.** Chairman Scott Buzzard called the September 27, 2010 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Item No. 2. Determination of Quorum.** There was a quorum.

**Item No. 3. Approval of Minutes.**

**A. February 22, 2010 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.** Vice-Chairman Stephanie Belcher moved to approve the February 22, 2010 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Jeff Perryman seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Sanders, Lee, Vice-Chairman Belcher and Chairman Buzzard  
NAYS: None

**Item No. 4. Old Business.**

**A. Consideration of Rescinding February 22, 2010 Decision to Give Donation to Weddington Schools.** Chairman Buzzard advised that at the February 22, 2010 Parks and Recreation Meeting, the Board decided to help with the BFF Fundraisers at the Elementary and Middle Schools by putting together a basket and then giving a cash donation to the High School. He stated, “We ran into an issue according to State Statutes that does not allow local municipalities to help fund schools.”

Town Administrator/Clerk McCollum advised that she had contacted the UNC School of Government regarding this issue. She stated, “In NC, the statutes have to give specific authority for what activities a city, county, or public authority may engage in – absent that specific authority, it can’t be done. So, in the General Statutes, Chapter 160A (which traverses many different articles), the specific authority for activities of a municipality are laid out. Spending for education is not included, therefore not considered a public purpose for a municipality.”

Vice-Chairman Belcher - I can understand the direct cash donation based on the statutes. The other two items we contemplated with the elementary and middle school were for us to donate a Town of Weddington basket which would have had donations from local businesses. I am unclear if that is not allowed also. I would like to understand what we can do to show our commitment to the schools since we are continually asking these kids on a regular basis to come out and do stuff for us.

It was advised that soliciting donations would be fine. Ms. Sanders expressed that she would be willing to work with the local businesses to put together a basket for the two schools.

Vice-Chairman Belcher moved to rescind the Board's decision to give a donation to the Weddington Schools. Mr. Perryman seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Sanders, Lee, Vice-Chairman Belcher and Chairman Buzzard  
NAYS: None

Vice-Chairman Belcher moved that the Board will seek to support the elementary and middle schools through a Town basket strictly made up of donated items for their BFF Fundraisers. Mr. Perryman seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Sanders, Lee, Vice-Chairman Belcher and Chairman Buzzard  
NAYS: None

**Item No. 5. New Business.**

**A. Report from Weddstock – Sharon Sanders.** Vice-Chairman Belcher gave a report from Weddstock and reviewed the financials from the event. She stated, "The cost per event to the Town was \$2,750 with approximately 4,000 attendees. The Town cost per attendee was \$2.75 and the average amount spent per person was \$1.64. We have name recognition now. We would love to have it as a yearly event. It is a positive thing for the community."

Chairman Buzzard – The next step is for the group to put together some information and recommend changes to be discussed at our next meeting. We can focus on how we want to do it for next year and in the spring take it to the Council as a budget request.

Vice-Chairman Belcher and Town Administrator/Clerk McCollum will research what other local towns do and spend on town activities.

**B. Discussion of Planning Annual Tree Lighting Event.** Chairman Buzzard advised that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting will be held December 3 from 5 to 7:30 at the Weddington Town Hall. Vice-Chairman Belcher is working on getting the local churches and schools to help provide music.

**C. Consideration of Amendment to Parks and Recreation Rules of Procedure.** Chairman Buzzard discussed the amendments to the Rules of Procedure. Mr. Lee moved to approve the amendments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Rules of Procedure. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Sanders, Lee, Vice-Chairman Belcher and Chairman Buzzard  
NAYS: None

**D. Discussion of Scheduling a Meet and Greet with Local Schools, Churches and Other Organizations.** The Board discussed the possibility of having some type of reception to meet and reach out to the schools, churches and organizations in the community to help build community spirit. Chairman Buzzard requested that this be on the November agenda.

**E. Discussion of Farmers Market Concept Discussed at Town Council Retreat.** Chairman Buzzard discussed that at the Town Council Retreat earlier this year the Town Council asked that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board research green space and farmers market concepts. Chairman Buzzard asked if any members of the Board had any input to send their ideas to him or Mr. Gilmartin.

**F. Discussion of Participating in the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.** Town Administrator/Clerk McCollum advised that the Town received information regarding a grant available to municipalities to help acquire land and/or to develop parks and recreation projects that serve the general public. The grant is a matching dollar for dollar and the maximum that can be applied for is \$500,000. The applications are due by January 31, 2011. Property acquired with the grant must be dedicated forever for public recreational use and facilities built or renovated with the grant are to be used for public recreation for at least 25 years

The Board discussed that they would need clear guidance from the Council on where and what they would like them to pursue and could work on applying for next year. The Board discussed possibly coming up with a plan for the back of the Town Hall.

**G. Announcement of Vacancy on Board.** Chairman Buzzard advised that there is a vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of Nancy Pulcini.

**Item No. 6. Adjournment.** Mr. Perryman moved to adjourn the September 27, 2010 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Vice-Chairman Belcher seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Sanders, Lee, Vice-Chairman Belcher and Chairman Buzzard  
NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Scott Buzzard, Chairman

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Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk