

**Minutes
Recreation Committee
March 2, 2015
6:00 PM
1st committee meeting**

Committee members present were Chairman Terry Merritt, Committee members Taft Matney and Bob Cook. Recreation Director Van Brannon and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Merritt
2. Public comment.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous.
4. Reports or communications from city officers.
 - a. Budget Review- The budgets look good in all divisions.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business
 - a. Alcohol request- Women's line dancing- The chamber of commerce request was moved to full council.
 - b. Alcohol request- Jason Long- This request was moved to full council. It was suggested that wrist bands be required when minors are attending events where alcohol is served.
7. Public comment.

Mayor Raines: I thought originally I saw three requests. Or was I drinking?

Holly Abercrombie: You were drinking.

Leo Joyce: I would suggest wrist bands. That seems to be in most public operations. Downtown Greenville, especially Return of the Green, they use wrist bands.

Councilman Cook: We might want to put that in our bylaws for when kids are there. We might want to consider that.

Councilman Black: These two requests are under the cultural center and cultural center is under PEDC. George does everything else for the cultural center. We might want to let it go through George and PEDC instead of Van. We might want to look at events and things like this through the cultural center, get Van off of it.
8. Committee concerns.

Chairman Merritt talked about the walk-through with Van and Stanley over at the cultural center and the senior center. I know I cannot play the newbie card anymore since I know quite a bit about recreation. Stanley expressed that it is a frustrating area and getting in the drywall and finding all the leaks at the Senior Center is beyond the scope of what we can do, so we need to get a contractor there. There were some carpet sections and seams that could pose a potential trip hazard. It is in the 2017 budget to replace the carpet. Stanley is going to put down a rug. PW will follow up on light ballast problems. Flashing at the roof is pulled out and allows access for varmints. They replaced a screen, but the exterior needs to be replaced. They call it squirrel highway. That will be handled by PW. There are downspouts missing near the fitness area. A piece of gutter is down in the same area as well and will be looked with a contractor. The downstairs women's restroom sink handle is not working. The stage has some paint chipping. They have the paint and need the manpower to fix that. Gym floor shows discoloring in front of the baskets. We can get the floor guys to look at that when they look at the Sports Center floor in May.

The outside areas could stand some attention as well as mulch. Suzanne has a directors of the Upstate Seniors program coming to the area March 16th. This is an organization that works with seniors all over the area. They are coming to ours last and we will host a luncheon for them.

The Sports Center has ongoing roof problems. The wall lights on the outside wall of the walking track have been out for two years. Those lights are complex because they are tied into the emergency lighting. The contractor will look at that. Van said the contractor is coming out tomorrow to try to bypass this and get additional emergency lighting. The overhead lights have to be replaced using a lift since they are high up. After about a year, the lights turn yellow. They may need to all be replaced at one time. It was also suggested we could purchase our own lift. The outside lights are not functioning in the parking lot. PW has worked on that before. It is extremely dark for the employees to go out to their cars.

Sunset Park- the fence around the ball field was taken down due to a safety concern. The crowd leaned against it and it started leaning. Chairman Merritt said he would like to see us put something back up for crowd control for different events we may have, such as the Easter Egg hunt. The rear playground area needs attention, maybe some fresh sand and maybe a fence around the rear equipment. The restroom near the Miracle League field needs some repair.

Councilman Matney said he enjoyed chairing the Rec committee over the last year. There were things that were started and tremendous progress has been made. He would offer his knowledge to Mr. Merritt if he would like Taft's assistance. Chairman Merritt thanked Mr. Matney for allowing him to chair the Recreation committee.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk