



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2011 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erin Massarelli, Peter Koutroumpis, Kevin Adams, Monica Fanjoy, Linda Hunt Williams, Ken Henke, Marty Buckwald, Kari McCloud, Stephane Daniel, Wanda Holloway

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Julia Meder, Len Bradley

**CALL TO ORDER:** Peter called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF 11/4/10 & 1/13/11 MINUTES:** Minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / HS YOUTH LACROSSE CLUB:** Added to the agenda at meeting as public comment. Kevin motioned to add the group to the agenda. Monica second the motion. Nick Halota represented and spoke on behalf of the Holly Springs Youth Lacrosse Club. Mr. Halota works in athletics for Holly Springs High School. The club attended the meeting to inform the board about their field space needs. This year the club has requested field space but the Parks & Recreation department has been unable to provide field space to the club for their Spring season. The Town is short on field space and is unable to rent field space to the club as they have done in the past. The club asked if something could be done in the short-term and if the Town would support the club to fulfill their request for field space. Len explained that the Town has numerous organizations in line waiting for field space from the Parks & Recreation department. The fields are constantly booked for departmental programs. As the schedules are finalized for department practices and games, more field space may become available but the department has offered the possibility for the lacrosse club to use fields on Sundays. Peter explained that the board is aware that there is a shortage of land and that the board will be looking into the possibility of land acquisition. The board supports the growth of programs but more information is needed to support the drive. Kevin asked Mr. Halota about the organization. Mr. Halota explained that the club started small with local coaches and has grown into a large community organization. The club charges for a summer camp, fall league, winter camp, and spring season. Programs cost from \$50-\$175 per child. Income is reinvested into the program to hire coaches, offer scholarships, and purchase equipment. The program is a year-round activity and the Spring is a busier time when more field space is needed. The board recommended that Mr. Halota attempt to speak at the next Town Council meeting to make the Council aware of the shortage and need for land acquisition.

**STATUS OF REX FIELDS:** Rex healthcare has started building on the field area. The field space is still in existence but Rex currently needs the area for construction purposes. Rex owns the field space and they have said that the fields may be available for the department near the end of the Summer for the Fall season. The department is condensing the field space as much as possible by painting more fields in a smaller area. The department does not cutoff registration for Soccer because the mission is to provide athletic and leisure services to the community until we can no longer do so. As long as the department can provide the program space, the department will accept participants. The department is currently working with the school system to obtain use of two new fields by the Fall and the Pit next to the Hunt Center will be available at that time.

**NEW POSSIBLE LAND ACQUISITIONS:** The department is currently working on two land acquisitions. One is a gift and the other is a possible purchase. The gifted land is 40 acres of non-athletic field space. The other is 2 acres of space which would help the department to expand. The department constantly looks for available land acquisition possibilities and will continue to do so.

**POSSIBLE REPORT TO COUNCIL:** The board discussed getting on the agenda for the March 1 Town Council meeting to update Council on the status of Parks & Recreation, make recommendations for moving forward, and share needs for the department. Peter will give a presentation at the March 1 meeting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.