Truth or Consequences Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

of regular meeting held at the Truth or Consequences City Commission Chambers, 405 W. 3rd St., Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, August 5, 2013, 6:00 pm.

members in attendance
  Greg D’Amour
  Millie McLeod
  Carol Wheeler

Also present:
  Chuck Wentworth, Juan Fuentes, 7 members of women’s softball organization, Destiny Mitchell, Jean Bullard, Buddy Montoya, and Marty Davis

Chairman Greg D’Amour was late since he was attending another board meeting. Carole Wheeler and Millie McLeod accepted comments and discussion among the women from a softball organization about their concerns of who to approach to mediate a problem. They stated that the men’s softball group wanted to play their games on the same nights, Tuesday and Thursday, that historically, have been used by the women.

Annette Garcia stated that the women contacted Peter Baca, letting him know that the women want to play Tuesday and Thursday nights. The men also want those nights. They were told to try meeting with the other group and come to an agreement.

Buddy Montoya stated that the women were using his organization’s (triple A) bylaws illegally, since they used them to form their own by-laws.

Marty Davis, Peter Baca’s assistant, reported that the fields were mowed, softball season is beginning, and the crews are just keeping up with the regular maintenance.

Meeting called to order at 6:30, when Greg D’Amour arrived, and then comments from the public were heard.

The board decided that the women were in the right and they should continue as they were, put in a letter to the city clerks requesting the days they wanted and have fun playing ball. Greg D’Amour stated that he would meet with the city manager and the city clerks tomorrow and find out what is going to happen.

Robert Gilbreath stated that the ball parks were not being maintained adequately and they are unsafe for players since they have potholes and sprinkler heads that present tripping possibilities.

Carole Wheeler made the motion that last month’s and the previous months, June 3, minutes be approved, seconded by Millie McLeod, and approved.

Today’s agenda was approved, motion made by Millie McLeod, 2nd by Carole Wheeler, approved.

Jean Bullard gave information on the pool cover project, when it was begun by many people over the years. She would like to see proper recognition given to all those who originally began the work on getting the pool covered, perhaps with a sign outside the pool entrance. Greg D’Amour stated that someone in the city offices would work on designs to do this.

The recommendation of the Truth or Consequences Advisory Board for three new board members is: Destiny Mitchell, Pat Freemyer, and Greg D’Amour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, September 2, 2013 6:00 pm