

**City of Truth or Consequences  
Recreation Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
2/5/2018 6 PM  
MINUTES**

5:00pm- Special Workshop- Present: Greg D'Amour, Destiny Mitchell, Isabelle Sheele, Ed Ragsdale, Christie Conklin. Meeting to discuss minutes and recommendations from 2017. Secretary Sheele apologized for absences with new job and girls scouts conflicts making it difficult to attend meetings. Minutes from past meetings were presented, and Vice-Chair Mitchell volunteered to compile minutes and present them to Commission after approval of board. No retrospective recommendations will be reported.

6:00 pm Regular Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to be held at the Recreation Department Building, 2800 S. Broadway, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

**INTRODUCTION:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Greg D'Amour, Chair- Present  
Destiny Mitchell- Present  
Isabelle Sheele- Absent\*  
Ed Ragsdale- Present  
Christie Conklin- Present

\*Vice-Chair Mitchell agreed to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Sheele.

1. Approval of Agenda- Mitchell approved Agenda, Conklin seconded. Motion passed.
2. Approval of Minutes for Regular meetings of 2017- Tabled until completion.
3. Comments from the Public- None
4. Recreation Department Needs Assessment/Update- Parks and Rec Director OJ Hechler reported that he was excited to see three new faces in the parks department. They worked on removing the cattails from Ralph Edwards Pond and included it on the future yearly schedule of maintenance. Updated that for the Soccer fields that the water main was hooked up, and that they had a few leaks but were digging them up and fixing them. They should put in sprinklers this week and should be mostly done by next week. Next major task is removing rocks from C-Field. They have a couple of emergency hires to hopefully help with that. Chuck Wentworth suggested using the soccer kids to help with the removal of rocks. Soccer begins next week. Hechler told the board that grass seed had been ordered to reseed C-Field. After discussion where Chair D'Amour questioned whether Softball and Little League could work together on both A and B Fields to allow seeds to germinate, Ragsdale made a recommendation to refuse play on C-Field until after the 2018 season was over. Conklin seconded and motion passed.
5. Swimming Pool Update-- Hechler also informed the board that there was a new Interim pool manager. He said one major project was that the floors were being painted. He said they were in contact with Kristy Ziehl, the state NMDOH inspector. They were also working on certified pool operator classes for staff. Hechler also stated that though it was subject to change, the pool should reopen

- on April 15th. Vice-chair Mitchell asked about the resurface and Hechler speculated that it was done.
6. Dog Park development- Hechler commented that the newly planted grass was already being worn down due to high traffic. He also mentioned that Wheeler was looking for Park Monitor volunteers.
  7. Board Positions- application received from Carole Wheeler to return to the RAB. Discussion ensued over current positions. The five positions are currently filled. Mitchell requested that D'Amour and Sheele submit renewal applications for their positions. D'Amour clarified that our by-laws state that appointed members are automatically renewed until dismissed or resigned, and therefore current members need not reapply every two years, and that is it up to the commission to make changes if they see fit. Discussion ensued about Mitchell's current campaign, and that in the event she is elected to the commission, then the board would make a recommendation for Wheeler to join the ranks once again. Tabled until the April meeting.
  8. Other Business/Discussion- Vice-Chair Mitchell brought up quarterly meetings once again, due to lack of action items and lack of quorums. Chair D'Amour countered with a desire to support new Recreation Director and assist him in his needs. Board agreed to support and tabled quarterly meeting discussion. Ragsdale engaged Hechler in conversation about the seeder, which was purchased while he was working for the department, and he offered his assistance in calibration of and determination of seeding baskets for said device. Mitchell brought up, once again, the request for a backboard at the tennis courts, which was requested at several meetings last year, however Chair Greg tabled discussion of topic until minutes from the past year were officially entered.
  9. Adjournment made by Mitchell at 6:47pm.

Recommendations from Recreation Advisory Board to City of TorC Commission for Meeting Held on February 5th, 2018:

1. To refuse play on C-Field until after the 2018 season was over.

### **NEXT RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**March 5th, 2018**

**Recreation Department Building**

**2800 S. Broadway 6PM**