

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2024
RECREATION & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

Members Present:

Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor, Chairman
Mr. Chris Bott, Vice Mayor
Mr. William McComb, Councilman
Ms. Donna Leonard

Members Absent:

Council and Staff Present:

Mr. Michael Tolbert, Town Manager

Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Chairman Taylor opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

Agenda Adoption

Councilman McComb motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Bott to adopt the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved

Discussion of Memorial Park Baseball Field Fill

Councilman Taylor discussed Memorial Park ballfield which needs fill.

There was further discussion about use, fill, drainage, and funding. They reviewed pictures and layout of the field.

Ms. Leonard suggested contacting the County Parks and Recreation Director for his expertise regarding the ballfield.

Town Manager Tolbert advised that the fencing came in yesterday which was to reference the 4' fencing of the ballfield along the 1st and 3rd base lines.

Discussion continued and the Committee agreed to contact the County's Parks and Rec. Director. They commented further on the current ballfield uses.

Consider Disposition of Remaining Brianna's Kindness Park Donated Funds

Councilman Taylor advised there was uncommitted funds from the donation. He suggested using the remainder of the funds for wheelchair access to the handicapped structures.

There was discussion regarding the type of surface.

Ms. Leonard reminded them that they also discussed the Little Library.

Town Manager Tolbert quoted from the donation stating that: “this donation is earmarked for projects that were already discussed by the Parks and Recreation Committee, such as shades, planning for the hangout section, and making a handicapped accessible area on the playground.”

The Committee agreed to use the balance on handicap accessibility. There was further discussion, and they agreed to look into this further to discuss again in February. They also talked about vandalism, and lighting at Brianna’s Park.

Discussion of Committee Membership

Councilman Taylor advised that Town Manager Tolbert stated that the Mayor makes the committee assignments. He stated that in the past, when there is a vacancy, the Town puts out feelers for those interested, and they are voted on by Council.

Town Manager Tolbert stated that the committee does not appoint members to the committee, the Mayor generally is responsible for assigning committee membership. He added that if the decision is made to put citizens on that committee, it refers back to Robert’s Rules which states a citizen, which is a non-member of the governing body, would have to be brought up, seconded, and voted on by Council.

Councilman Taylor stated that it’s usually the first person that is nominated that gets the vote.

Ms. Leonard stated that under Robert’s Rules, the people are voted on in the order in which they were received. She stated that when Councilwoman Richardson made the recommendation for her, she made the motion, and Mayor Leonard took the vote. She added that Mr. Johnson wasn’t considered. She feels that the way it should have been was that everyone should have been put on the table and a vote taken, not the vote taken at the 1st nomination. She feels that if everyone is out on the table, it would be fair.

There were further comments.

Councilman Taylor wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

Councilman McComb motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Bott to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously approved.