

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – April 29, 2009**
(approved Aug. 19, 2009)

ATTENDING: Darren Cook, Frank Musiek, Howard Raphaelson, Anne Rash
STAFF: Curt Vincente
GUESTS: None

A. Call to Order – In the absence of Chairman S. Dyer, member A. Rash called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes – A. Rash moved and D. Cook seconded that the minutes from the January 21, 2009 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Co-Sponsorship Update – The proposed revisions to the Co-Sponsorship policy that were presented to the Town Council were approved at their March 23, 2009 meeting. Staff will now communicate with the existing co-sponsored organizations and schedule a review for a future RAC meeting.

D. Old Business – Community Center marketing project status report and conference report were reviewed. Membership reports and graphs and recent member surveys were discussed. C. Vincente discussed existing renewal and new member recruitment offers. C. Vincente updated the Committee on the co-generation project. The Southeast Park Restroom/Concession/Storage project will be open for use on Little League Opening Day, May 2. The Skate Park project equipment order is anticipated for later this spring, depending upon additional fundraising and equipment bids.

E. Correspondence – None

F. Director's Report – C. Vincente noted that most of his report was covered under Old Business or will be discussed under New Business items.

G. New Business – The fall quarterly report was included in the packet and briefly reviewed. C. Vincente gave a brief presentation on the FY 2009-10 budget as approved by the Town Council. RAC members reviewed the referral from the Town Council regarding program sponsorship signs/banners at the Mansfield Skate Park. RAC members approved the following: *In the absence of other support funding from the Town for Skate Park equipment, RAC is encouraging fundraising to reach the goal of providing minimal equipment to make the park usable. The current fundraising group has raised \$12,960 to date. Extending the Parks Rules and Regulations to allow for a fourth location for sponsorship signs/banners will provide another potential option to raise much needed funds for equipment. RAC supports a change to the Park Rules and Regulations to accommodate this and if the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following modifications to the Mansfield Code of Ordinances would be necessary:*

Section A-194-1 Permitted activities

*Item J(2) Location. The location of temporary program sponsorship signs/banners in Town parks shall be limited to three **four** sites:*

(a) Around the perimeter of the outfield fence at Southeast Park Field A;

(b) Adjacent to the Southeast Park Football Field;

(c) Adjacent to the playing fields at the Lions Memorial Park; and

(d) Around the interior perimeter of the fence at the Mansfield Skate Park.

*Item J(8) Other. Subject to the conditions expressed herein, the Parks and Recreation Department has the discretion to develop additional location requirements at the three **four** sites defined in Subsection J(2) above, and other restrictions and guidelines for signs/banners permitted under this subsection*

In other new business, C. Vincente noted the Town Council is seeking feedback on the Strategic Plan draft that was included in the packet. RAC members did not wish to comment further on the existing draft. C. Vincente also noted the acquisition of the Lions Memorial Park property, reviewed the winter programs and gave a preview of spring programs.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.