

April 15, 2008

A special joint meeting was held with the Fremont Town Council and the Fremont Park Board on April 15, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Town Council President Loretta Smart, at 5:00 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Steve Brown, Joe Thomas, John Ludy, and Kay Clark.

Park Board members attending were Anne Abernathy, Drew Kuespert, Neil Ledet, and Liz Thomas.

Mary K. "Kathy" Parsons, Fremont Clerk-Treasurer and Chris Snyder, Fremont Town Manager, also represented the Town.

Others attending were: Jim Measel with WLKI, Jim Shilander, with the Herald Republican and Drake Hepp with the Fremont Environmental Club.

President Loretta Smart, of the Fremont Town Council, opened the floor for discussion on Broad Street Park.

A plan was presented to the Park Board approximately two years ago by Earth Plan Associates. The Park Board was under the impression that the plan had been approved by the Council and that they were working off an approved plan. Discussion followed on areas of the plan. The Park Board would like some direction from the Fremont Town Council.

The Council had several areas of concern with the most significant being the road closing and removing of the existing fence. Chris presented the Park Board with a quote on the fencing that the Park Board would like to place around the skate park. This was from Arrow Fence for \$3,985.00. Joe Thomas thought it best to leave the current fence in place until a firm decision was made as to what, if any, fencing should be removed. The Council felt it best to ask the area property owners what their thoughts were on removing the fence. Closing the street is still an unresolved issue. Other areas of concern were landscaping, adding equipment to the park, and filling in sink holes. .

Suggestions were discussed for putting flowering plants on the park banks, bushes, grassy paths with flowers, and soccer goals for young children, fencing, and a more open area for the park. Sharon Greg and Anne Abernathy walked the area and Sharon gave ideas on what to plant. Discussion followed on getting quotes.

John Ludy made a motion to allow the Park Board to purchase soccer goals not to exceed \$1,000.00, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

After a long discussion, Council members and Park Board members are to consider the items discussed and bring back ideas to the May 12, 2008 meeting.

A motion to adjourn by John Ludy, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Town Council

Loretta Smart, Council President

Steve Brown, Vice President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

Attest;

*Mary K. "Kathy" Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer*

Park Board

Anne Abernathey

Neil Ledet

Liz Thomas

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