

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, March 27, 2017

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, March 27, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330

Members present were Chairman Bill Oberkirsch, Chad Spivey, Greg Crowson, LeVerne Kinney, Cameron Sharpe, Edgar Underwood and Harry Stryffeler. Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director, Judy Wilson and Lora Kelley secretary. Absent were James Emerson, Kevin Frazier and Butch Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bill Oberkirsch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Harry Stryffeler motion to approve February minutes and Edgar Underwood seconded the motion. All in favor unanimous.

II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Harry Stryffeler motion to approve the agenda and LeVerne Kinney seconded the motion. All in favor unanimous.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

No Comment

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consider Schedule of Fees & Charge-** Harry Stryffeler motion to approve the schedule of fees and chargers and LeVerne Kinney seconded the motion all in favor unanimous. Harry wanted to discuss some changes, John stated he over looked a couple but they are consistent with what we have been doing in the past. Due to high request for shelter rentals, there is money in the budget to hire a weekend person to work baseball/softball tournaments that person could also go clean up between shelter rentals so we could book more than one rental per/day. Harry asked if that would be a reimbursable expense for that extra person, yes it is.

- B. Consider Budget Request FY 2017-2018-** Harry Stryffeler moves to discuss the budget LeVerne Kinney seconded all in favor unanimous. Board discuss some of the pool fees, Harry asked how the fees effect the budget and John stated that they really don't. Harry motion to approve the budget Chad Spivey seconded all in favor unanimous.
- C. Scholarship Policy Statement & Criteria-** "No Lee County resident child will be denied participation due to financial hardship" modeled after Southern Pines. Parent or guardian must come in, complete a form, and provide prove residency. We will ask some questions and any two staff can initiate as long as they show need, aid from DSS, family medical issues expenses. All files on hand will be kept confidential for 3 years. Harry Stryffeler makes a motion to approve scholarship policy Greg Crowson seconded the motion all in favor unanimous.

V. NEW BUSINESS
None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
No Comment

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

San-Lee Park Nature Center Update- Spent the morning at SLP met with our engineer and Russell Spivey with operational services, we had the sewer line installed last week so today was a walk thru minor adjustments needed. The board talks about the drainage. Reviewed the lay-out of the nature center displays and made some changes which reduced coast by replacing the stainless steel doors with case level plywood doors, stainless hinged metal mesh over top was eliminated leaving mesh only on the inside. Indoor pool for aquatic turtles will not be deep enough, in two sections we will put 55 gallon tanks for the turtles, in the 3rd section will be a static display, we can eliminate 3 drains. Delivered standing seam metal roof, work on structure will begin decking soon, 60% complete.

San-Lee Park Workshop Update- only thing left is to seal the floor.

Kiwanis Family Park- Harry Stryffeler stated after last month's meeting none of the board was in support of this project, last Tuesday Harry spoke with a city councilman and asked him what's the rush to spent the money, where is it coming from, what are the strings that go with it, what's this issue with the grant? Harry got an I don't know those things but this is a done deal. Harry attended the city council meeting last week architect proposal addressed it as a city park, board discussed what parks the city actually owns. Kiwanis referenced by the architect as the "jewel" of the city park system and it would be the "corner stone" of the improvements to the city park system. Harry spoke with the city attorney asking how you can make these decision when you don't own the property, her response was it's a done deal the county will deed it to the city and we're taking over. City will own form the street to the creek.

Harry suggests to use Temple park it's in the heart of the historic district and addressed future maintenance issues and securing facility after the season ends being a burden of the county.

Cameron Sharpe stated that Temple Field doesn't meet the model that the Mayor is looking for they want a "center piece".

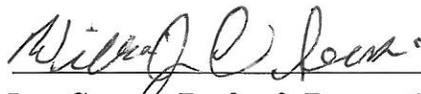
Edgar Underwood pointed out that Depot Park isn't overrun that it has adequate space and doesn't see the need for another splash pad to be added.

Cameron stated that John Crumpton put together the MOA this past week.

Harry states the city has a May 1st deadline to submit grant application that's why this is being pushed. If the city wants to get into the parks business and wants to take control of park land then Temple Field is it, it could be a great corner stone for what they want to do. It would be less work and it would cost less money. The children in this area have nothing that they're serviced by. Harry wants to make a counter proposal to the city council, send in a resolution to the BOC that the population would be better served by using Temple Field area at a lower cost. Harry moves to disapprove the city's proposal to transfer the property at Kiwanis Park for a splash pad renovation and offer them the same opportunity at Temple Field. LeVerne Kinney seconded all in favor unanimous. Harry says that James Emerson said it best this will "Forever change the complexion of Kiwanis Park" Harry continues it will be great for four months of the year with some of the population. Cameron I'm non-committal but we have to find a better plan to offer.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Harry Stryffeler made the motion to adjourn at 6:37pm Chad Spivey seconded the motion all in favor unanimous.


_____, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Judith Wilson, Secretary