LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, April 23, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330

Members present were, Chairman LeVerne Kinney, Chad Spivey, Cameron Sharpe, Bill Oberkirsch, Micky Bowman, Bobby Piggie also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Judith Wilson secretary.

Absent were Butch Saunders, Katelynn Vogt, Greg Crowson and Kevin Frazier

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman LeVerne Kinney called the meeting to order at 5:30. Chad Spivey made the motion to approve the minutes Bill Oberkirsch seconded all in favor unanimous.

II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

None/ Bill Oberkirsch motioned to approve the agenda Chad Spivey seconded all in favor unanimous.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

Hunter Fox came before the board to ask them to consider adding more lighting and benches to the dog park. Mr. Fox would like more lights for the winter month, he stated, by the time he get home from work to bring his dog to the park it is already dark. The board told Mr. Fox of the parks dawn to dusk ordinance. Mr. Fox would like to see more benches or move the ones there closer to the entrance for the older/disabled people that use the dog park. The board agrees with Mr. Fox on more benches. Most of the board disagrees about the lights; Mickey Bowman want John Payne to look into lighting the dog park to see if it is feasible. John Payne to present findings as June meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kiwanis Family Park Update

Still no schedule, construction to begin in the fall.

B. SECU at Bragg Street Update

They have put up the safety fence and Duke Energy cut some trees to set poles to run three phase into the credit union, P&R could then connect to it which will save the county a lot of money.

C. Update Withers/Ravenel Master Planning for Parks

Made some changes to the plans, we want to keep four tennis courts at KCP. KCP will be going through many changes over the next few years, D.O.T. will be putting in a roundabout that will impact the park, the current shelter will have to be moved. The plan is for KCP to be the trail head for the greenway, will build a new shelter and restrooms will put the tennis courts side by side to get additional parking. At Temple; looking to keep field 2 as a diamond put new entrance in at the stop light and just keep an open field for multi-purpose use and to honor the history we will put a monument out there with a brief history of the Spinners and the park itself. At O.T. Sloan will take a while with getting a location for the building there is not enough room by the B&G club. Up behind the credit union SASL has invested in the studies and they want to put an astro turf soccer field in there. Will redo the tennis courts and parking designated for the dog park also to put a pump track.

D. Lett Family Park

Broadway has 10 softball teams that play Tuesday and Thursday nights on the big field, we are renting the small field for practices. The community building's main room is almost 1900 sq. ft. need cleaning and painting. Need a sidewalk for handicap parking. Tiny Tots will move out there in the fall. Will try to develop other programs maybe another dance class, yoga or an exercise class. LeVerne Kinney asked when clean up and painting will start, John Payne as soon as we can get a few bids to see what it will cost us. Bill Oberkirsch suggested to have volunteers do it. John explains that process. Cameron Sharpe asked about the smoking policy for the parks, John Payne explains it. Meeting with D.O.T about the widening of Broadway Road and the effects it will have on Lett Park.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Programs, softball we have 11 team ages 6-12U 132 participants signed up. Special Olympics had over 200 participants and 150 volunteers, Baseball we have 172 participants 8-15U 14 teams, T- Ball 138 participants 12 teams, track 60 participants as of now registration is ongoing. Outdoor Education just finished up 3

week of intersession camp with 38 campers, registration for summer camps we have 19 campers for full day and 7 half days looking for 40 camper per/week. There is a pond study scheduled for May 19th out there with soil and water and the corporate extension. Gymnastics has 474 students and hosted 9 b-day parties in March, LeeP Frog meet for rec.girls with 55 kids. Dance recital was Saturday all went good, the new dance teacher is looking to add hip-hop and jazz to the 2018-2019-year, Tiny Tots has 16 students. Russell Spivey and general services have cleaned the pools last week. Personal wise Lydia Robertson the outdoor education programmer is leaving after two years, Joanne Kellam our gymnastic supervisor is having knee replacement surgery and will be out 12-16 weeks. Staff is to move bleaches from Wicker gym over to the Armory this week. The Master Plans do include half court basket ball courts.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Oberkirsch motioned to adjourn at 6:27pm Chad Spivey seconded all in favor unanimous.

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Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

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Judith Wilson, Secretary