

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, September 25, 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, Mickey Bowman and Kevin Frazier also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Judith Wilson secretary.

Absent were Katelynn Anderson, Bobby Piggie and Butch Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

None/ LeVerne Kinney made the motion to approve the agenda Chad Spivey seconded all in favor unanimous.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

NONE/ LeVerne Kinney asks about new amenities for Horton Park he said he spoke with Mr. Buckles from the city who said there is some money for it. John said he would speak to Mr. Buckles to see how much money he is talking about.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **San-Lee Park Nature Center Update**- -still getting settled in, we have had some meetings, the Homeless Task Force has had 2 meetings, the farmers group has had a meeting in there and we have had several birthday parties in there. People are coming to see it. Cameron Sharpe ask if groups like the HTF paid John said if groups paid elsewhere he expects them to pay us, Lee county groups we don't charge. Picked up a mini-library from Partnership for Children to put up at the Nature Center.

B. Kiwanis Family Park Update- still working through some things there. Been in contact with the Recreation Resource Services in terms there were two land and water conservation grants that's through the federal government and that money passes through the state, now the state has what is called the Parks & Recreation trust fund so the city has acquired money, \$350,000 was approved through that Part F which is (Parks & Recreation Trust Fund) but there was some paperwork that had to be completed in order for the folks in Washington and Atlanta to be ok with the administrative change with the city going in there and building the splash pad and improvements we have worked through that and we've got an idea of who will be responsible for what once that portion is dedicated to the city it will be the city's responsible to maintain. We are still talking about the possibility of P&R to do the scheduling

C. RFQ Landscape planner Kiwanis Children's Park Place and O.T. Sloan Park Talked with Paul the city engineer about Kiwanis Children's Parkplace and they are working on the Greenway extension, it will extend from the entrance of Kiwanis Family Park up to Kiwanis Children's Park. There is money in this year's budget to do something with KCP. The RFQ have come back for architect to come up with a plan for KCP and O.T. Sloan. The plan John Payne saw has the Greenway cutting into KCP a little bit, not all the way to the tennis courts and not all the way to the playground so we to make the plans don't interfere with each other. We have not made a selection yet, each of us has scored the submittals and should be setting up interviews this week with the two the stood out.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution honoring Kathy McLeod-Edwards service and retirement- John Payne read the resolution. There are 500 kid each term except for summer which drops off just a little, so we are pushing 2,000 students. Kathy McLeod-Edwards talks a little about her history with P&R.

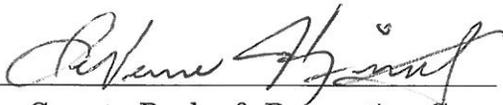
VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS- Nominations committee report- Kevin Frazier suggests appointment of LeVerne Kinney to Chair and Chad Spivey to Vice-Chair. Bill Oberkirsch ask if there were any other nominations, no other nominations. Bill Oberkirsch called a motion to approve the nominees, all in favor unanimous.

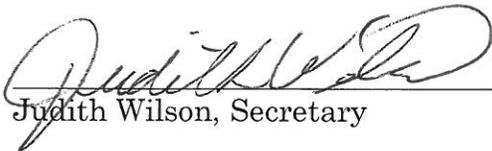
VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT- We have closed on the 6.83 acres of land bordering San-Lee Park on 11/22/17. The board authorized \$40,000 we got the property for \$38,500 and closing cost were \$1,000 so we came in \$500 below authorized amount. There is another property 3.6 acres between that property and ours that we are hoping to get they're still looking into that and that would square up the south west corner. The NCRPA, publication side, asked us if we would like to be the cover of their winter edition. Everyone associated with North Carolina Parks and Recreation will see it. Girls basketball numbers are low, it seems every year we have to make

adjustments either with age grouping or letting them play with the boys. LeVerne Kinney asked how many boys teams to we have this year. John Payne replied that they are still coming in, maybe down by a couple of teams. No adult teams. Between P & R and First Baptist there are about 1,000 kids playing basketball. LeVerne Kinney stated that Cheer Extreme took a lot of girl from basketball. Kevin Frazier asked about his seat on the board, John Payne said he was still looking into it. Kathy's job has been advertised and there is a young woman that is highly qualified. Cameron Sharp asked what does that position paid John Payne replied \$41,600 is entry level. Bill Oberkirsch slides the gavel over to the new chairman LeVerne Kinney.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Gerg Crowson Motioned to adjourn at 6:03pm Bill Oberkirsch seconded all in favor unanimous.


_____, Chairman
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Judith Wilson, Secretary