

# LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

## COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

### MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, January 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330

Members present were, Vice Chairman Chad Spivey, Greg Crowson, Cameron Sharpe, Bill Oberkirsch Bobbie Piggie, Butch Saunders also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Judith Wilson secretary.

Late Chairman LeVerne Kinney. Absent were Katelyn Vogt, Mickey Bowman, Kevin Frazier and Emilia Guerrero

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman not present, Vice Chairman Chad Spivey called the meeting to order at 5:31, Greg Crowson made the motion to approve October's minutes, Bill Oberkirsch seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

#### **II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

None/ Bill Oberkirsch made the motion to approve the agenda, Greg Crowson seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

#### **III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)**

None

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Kiwanis Family Park Update**

They started last Thursday by taking down the split rail fencing, did some tree cutting and put up the orange construction fencing. They are putting in a drainage pond to keep sediment from flowing into the creek. We have a meeting tomorrow. Finally got the construction schedule, without any delays completion date is set for the end of August the 28th. Bobbie Piggy asked if rentals would be taken during this time, John Payne stated; yes but parking would be limited.

## **B. Master Planning Progress Update**

The BOC approved hiring WithersRavenel, we got the plans on phase 1 and the BOC has approved to move forward with phase 1, which is about \$2 million with just about \$150,000 going towards Lett Family Park. Going to try to get approval to apply for a \$400,000 part F grant to help with the Kiwanis Children's Park updates. Cameron Sharpe explains what Phase 1 is just to make sure everyone understands that it includes all the parks in the Master Plan not just one park. LeVerne Kinney asked, if one of the parks were ready for phase 2 before the rest, could that park get started on phase 2 or would that park have to wait for all the parks to be ready for phase 2. John Payne it depends if the money is there or not but yes, the next phase could start on one park while the other parks are still in phase one.

## **C. Lett Family Park Update**

Right now, we are working on the HVAC. It has been bid it out to a contractor, Yarbrough heating and air will be doing HVAC work. The old concession stand system was shot so that will be removed. The new building does not have any existing HVAC work so we will be installing that. We have already moved Tiny Tots in there, no rental yet. The shelter, we enclosed trusses due to birds nesting in them.

## **D. Bird Pens At San-Lee Park**

We bid that project out and only got back one bid for twice as much as we had budgeted out. Therefore, we are in the process of rethinking the pens, looking to Shed Depot, they had built some pen for a local wildlife rehabber and they should work for our birds. This bird pen should be about \$20,000. Chad Spivey asked what is involved with building a bird pen. John Payne stated that they will frame it out and that half of the side walls will be a durable mesh opposed to a chain link fence so if the birds get spooked and fly into it they don't get hurt. The lower portion will be a solid wall for privacy. Chad Spivey asked if the bird pens were the last thing to do at the nature center. John Payne said we would just have to get acoustics panels for the Multi-Purpose room.

## **E. Fees & Charges Discussion**

Make some adjustments last year with the Multi-Purpose Room coming online. If you look at the comparisons sheet, you can see we are right in line with other counties. The Mary Margret McLeod Found for children has provided us with \$5,000 last year and this year as well, when we raised our prices we knew there would be a greater need for scholarships and we are running about \$5,000 a year. Greg Crowson made the motion to keep the fees and charges as is, Bill Oberkirsch seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Lease Renewal with Dean Real Estate for Gymnastic program**

Right now, we lease 7700 sqft for the gymnastic program over on Commercial Court behind Sagebrush restaurant. We moved in there in 2008 they wanted us to do a five year lease BOC approved it then we renewed for 3 years now we are in our 11<sup>th</sup> year looking to renew again, the increase in the fees are just under 3% which equals \$1100 a year that is \$278 a quarter. It's a good deal, still less than \$5 a sq. foot when typically it runs \$7-\$9 per/ft. Bill Oberkirsch asked how long would this renewal be for. John Payne said 3 years. Bill Oberkirsch made the motion to renew the lease agreement Greg Crowson seconded, all in favor, unanimous. Will be submitted to the BOC in February.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The park ranger and his staff at San-lee Park have done a great job getting the park back together, after all the bad we have had. Florence the hurricane that came through, tore up the meadow bridge, they got that finished. Hoping to get some money refunded on the expense of that. Emergency Management people are working with FEMA to see about getting some reimbursement for damages. They redesigned the bridge some to withstand the weather better. Basketball and Tiny Tots are under way and the parents and staff are loving the new Tiny Tots building. Have a monthly progress meeting tomorrow at Kiwanis Family Park, we meet the last Tuesday just to see the progress and to see if they are on schedule. Heaters are in at the Sloan pool, looking to extend that season.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Oberkirsch motioned to adjourn at 6:03pm, LeVerne Kinney seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

  
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Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

  
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Judith Wilson, Secretary