

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, July 24, 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, Cameron Sharpe, Bobby Piggie, Mickey Bowman and Katelynn Anderson. Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Judy Wilson secretary.

Absent were Kevin Frazier, LeVerne Kinney and Butch Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW MEMBERS

Chairman Bill Oberkirsch called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Jennifer Gamble swore in new board members Katelynn Anderson, Mickey Bowman, Bobby Piggie and then reinstated Bill Oberkirsch. All board members introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Greg Crowson motioned to approve June minutes, Katelynn Anderson seconded, all in favor unanimous.

III. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No additions, Chad Spivey motioned to approve the agenda as is, Greg Crowson seconded, all in favor unanimous.

IV. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. San-Lee Park Nature Center Update-** John has been out there every day including weekends checking on things. August 11th is the final completion date coming in 99 day past due. Some of the holdups have been with equipment trouble and weather. ribbon cutting ceremony will be held mid-September. John shared volunteers Gorge and Teresa Miller's gift to the new nature center three framed pictures. Cameron Sharp asked we get any revenue form the bike trail John explains fee are only charged

if you have something expensive to operate. Katelynn Anderson asked what the fee was for the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). John said it is \$150 up to 4 hrs. and \$25 per hr. over the 4hr. John see the building being used for business meetings or team building exercise during the week not just parties on the weekend. Bobby Piggie asked if the new building was much bigger than the old one, no it is 4,000 sq. ft. smaller.

- B. San-Lee Park Workshop Update-** just waiting on the fence person to get the fence around the workshop he has been having health issues. Hoping they can get out there this week.
- C. San-Lee Park Bird Pens-** are on hold until we are settled into the new building; the birds will stay in their temporary enclosures. Been working with Chip Gentry of Hawk Manor and we have an idea of what is needed to go in there. The original bird pen enclosure were also included with the architects design and bid out as alternate for the project, the bid came back at 180,000 too high to house 6 birds.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Consider NCSU/CDC Grant Health Matters- a group that has identified four counties in North Carolina that being Halifax, North Hampton, Edgecombe and Lee as being obese. There is \$30,000-\$35,000 available to do some things in the parks to encourage people to get out and be more active. There will be cameras installed that will take a still photo every 29 minutes to measure activity over the next year to see if there is an increase in activity where the improvements were installed. Spoke with John Crumpton and Whitney Parrish county manager, attorney, and they had some reservations about the cameras in the parks, we will have to make people aware they are there and in use. Katelynn Anderson asked who would have the photos, John replied that we will have access to them but NC State and the CDC would actually have possession of them they wouldn't be accessible by the general public but participants in the study could look at them and if the image indicated illegal activity then NC State or CDC would let know so we could look into it. Bobby Piggie asked what determined which park will be getting the updates John explained it will get spread around to as many parks as possible. Greg Crowson motioned to approve NCSU/CDC Grant Chad Spivey seconded all in favor unanimous.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None- John addresses the new board members and tell them a little bit about how things work and what they will find in their new member books.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Program Updates- O.T. Sloan Pool opened July 1st we've had good crowds and one not so good facebook posting about not getting a refund but the issue has been taken care of they will be issued a credit slip. Greg Crowson ask who makes the decision to close the pool in a thunder storm. Pool safety protocol is if you hear thunder, you sit out for 30 minutes and if you hear thunder again within that 30 minutes the time

starts all over again. Cast protocol is no cash refunds after wristbands is in place, a credit slip or rain check will be given.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Greg Crowson motioned to adjourn at 6:16pm Bobby Piggie seconds all in favor unanimous.


_____, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Judith Wilson, Secretary