

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, June 26, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330

Members present were, Chad Spivey, Greg Crowson, Cameron Sharpe, Edgar Underwood, and Kevin Frazier. Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Judy Wilson secretary.

Absent were Chairman Bill Oberkirsch, James Emerson, LeVerne Kinney, Harry Stryffeler and Butch Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acting Chairman Chad Spivey called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Edgar Underwood motion to approve May's minutes and Greg Crowson seconded the motion. All in favor unanimous.

II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Greg Crowson motion to approve the agenda as is and Edgar Underwood seconded the motion. All in favor unanimous.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. San-Lee Park Nature Center Update-** John is not happy with the progress on the Nature Center. The County Manager and John are meeting with the contractor and the architect tomorrow morning. Cameron Sharpe asked if we would try to get some money back as far as liquidated damages. John replied they got notice to proceed August 4, 2016 with an estimate of 240 day to complete the Nature Center. Meaning we should have been in the building the first May, the county Manager gave them to May 19th due to some things out of their control but that day is over. Chad Spivey

asked if the weather was the hold up. John replied we are on the third site superintendent that may be part of it, not sure the second superintendent was there much at all. Kevin Frazier stated that when he has driven through there no one was working at all. John states it a complex building it's going to be well built and a great asset.

- B. **San-Lee Park Workshop Update**-waiting on the fence company to do the fence around the workshop and it will be complete. Shed Depot came by last week to move Steve's metal storage shed down by the workshop.
- C. **San-Lee Park Bird Pens**- bird pen will be on hold for now; we will keep them where they are until the building is completed. We will be moving forward with the plans. Jaime Osborne and John Payne went to visit Chip Gentry owner of Hawk Manor in Lillington to take a look at his bird pens, Chip uses shrimp netting instead of wire fencing because it's bird friendly less chance of injuries.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider Policy Regarding Drones in Parks**- policies vary across the country but what was written from federal standards makes sense, that you don't operate over a crowd of people. Can operate in parks as long as it is not a nuisance to anyone. Greg Crowson asked if there is a number to call if someone is get bother by the RC device. John states that we will put up new signage with a list of the rules and a number to call Kevin Frazier points out that the drones are hard to fly for beginners. Greg Crowson motions to approve the policy as written Kevin Frazier seconded all in favor unanimous.
- B. **Consider Policy Regarding Inflatables in Parks**- we have talked about a policy for two years now and when John looked back there was never a formal vote on it. The policy is that if you are going to put up an inflatable or any other attraction you need event liability insurance or they go through a company like F&W who has liability insurance and that company will staff the equipment. The board discussed this a little to make sure they understood it. Edgar Underwood asked if insurance is need for inflatables then shouldn't insurance be need for RC devices. John stated that liability falls on the owner of the RC device, we are only liable if there is gross negligence. Cameron states that we do not know when someone will show up with a RC device but we do know when people rent. John states that if charge a fee you have a higher responsibility than if you don't. Edgar Underwood motions to approve the policy as written Greg Crowson seconded all in favor unanimous.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Program Updates- got the swim well and dive well inspected Friday morning and got the wade pool inspected Friday afternoon around 3:30pm and they are good to go. San-Lee Summer Camp was the first group in the pool with about 22 kids along with

WSI training. Has a birthday party Saturday morning and one scheduled that evening but they didn't show up. Opening for public swim July 1st reason being there are two very expensive pool heaters sitting on the deck and they need to be fenced in before we open to the public. Board discuss fees for public swim \$3 per person age 4 and under are free, Boys & Girls Club \$2 per person. Pool looks good but the paint job was a little sloppy.

Swim lessons start next Monday they are just about maxed out, we lost about 4 -5 thousand dollars by missing the first session. Cameron Sharpe ask what happened with Horton pool. John said it closed in 2008 due to equipment issues and the demand was low. Got a price many years ago on converting it to a splash pad, it would have been about \$400,000. Summer Camp and Happy Day Camp have started. John thanked Edgar Underwood for his service and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

When asked if he had anything else for the board, Edgar asked about Kiwanis Family Park and the splash pad. John said still waiting on the grant process.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Edgar Underwood motion to adjourn at 6:14pm Greg Crowson seconds all in favor unanimous.


_____, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Judith Wilson, Secretary