

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, May 22, 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, Greg Crowson, LeVerne Kinney, Cameron Sharpe, Edgar Underwood, Harry Stryffeler and Kevin Frazier. Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Judy Wilson secretary.
Absent were Chad Spivey, James Emerson and Butch Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bill Oberkirsch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Greg Crowson motion to approve April's minutes and Edgar Underwood seconded the motion. All in favor unanimous.

II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

No Comment

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. San-Lee Park Nature Center Update-** There were questions on the cladding of the fiber cement but that's been taking care of. Making progress beginning to put the Trex decking on the decks. Electricians putting in conduit for the wiring. We were hoping for completion to be the first of June. Looking to be completed the first of August probably 15th to get through the punch list. Originally, it was 240 day ten months but it will be a year after bid date. Booked our first wedding all day \$325. Met with a graphic designer for the animal exhibits the contractor will still do the basic signage looking at 12-15K.

- B. San-Lee Park Workshop Update-** requesting bids for a fence around workshop due to children playing on the equipment. It will be a 6 foot fence all around the shop with two double gates.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Policy Regarding Drones in Parks-** had a request from a gentleman wanting to fly a drone in San-Lee Park and take pictures, ran it by the county attorney and manager, anytime pictures are being taken you have to notify the public. Drones are supposed to be registered, Bill Oberkirsch stated no, that law was struck down that the FAA can no longer regulate toys and if you keep them out of the parks then you are regulating toys. Harry Stryffeler suggest a policy of use. Cameron Sharpe ask if it just for San-Lee Park or all parks? John Payne stated all parks who is liable what if it crashes into someone who is liable. Bill states liability falls on the operator county not responsible. Could just be a sign, LeVerne Kinney suggest same sign in every park because you can't dictate what park to go to for what use. Harry states put a disclaimer out use your remote piloted vehicle at your risk and assumed liability. LeVerne brings up letting the public know if someone is in the park they are subject to be recorded. Board discusses the taking and use of someone's picture. Whitney to draw up something for the board to look over.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Comment

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Program Updates- Started swim lesson registration today, Gymnastic registration this Thursday and Friday. Pool will be two weeks late in opening, need to it in the paper and went on the swap shop show this morning and put a plug in there. A couple of initiatives I've been working with others on one is Health Matters initiative NC State received a grant from the CDC they chose four counties in NC three in the north east and one is us and 30% of the population is obese. Most of the grants that come through the health department involves a presentation or it's signage they don't invest in equipment. They also have cameras not facial recognition one but cameras that track the number of people visiting the park the other thing is little free libraries looking at KCP there is money in the budget next year where we could fix an area put in benches where people can read to the children and maybe at Dalrymple. Special Olympics was held last Wednesday at Lee Senior had to postpone a couple of time due to rain now with 91 degree temperatures EMS was called in due to one child over heating. Spoke with consultant on KFP to let him know our concerns about access to the park during construction and that will be on the list of minimizing the effect on park use. Harry States he got the impression from a city person that the park would be shut down until splash pad we completed. John states that the consultant has assured him that we will find a way to minimize the impact on park users. Derrick Williams (the consultant) and I talked about that they do the entrance drive first to give the people access. Harry also heard through the grape vine the city manager hasn't thought what it would cost to maintain the facility assume the county would maintain

it. City has not budgeted what it would take to manage that 2.7 million facility. It was always the city's to dump it back on the county. Operational days for the Splash pad would Mother's Day to Arbor Day but would still need someone everyday checking on it.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Harry Stryffeler motion to adjourn at 6:27pm LeVerne Kinney seconds all in favor unanimous.


_____, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Judith Wilson, Secretary