

# LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

## COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

### MINUTES

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

Members present were, Chairman LeVerne Kinney, Vice Chairman Chad Spivey, Greg Crowson, Cameron Sharpe, Bill Oberkirsch and Mickey Bowman also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Judith Wilson secretary.

Absent were Bobby Piggie, Katelyn Vogt and Emilia Guerrero

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

Chairman LeVerne Kinney called the meeting to order at 5:30. Cameron Sharpe made the motion to approve September's minutes Greg Crowson seconded, all in favor unanimous.

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

Add C to new business Dr. Crumpton/ Greg Crowson motioned to approve the agenda, Chad Spivey seconded, all in favor unanimous.

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

None

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS- First John introduced Lora to the board.**

**A. Master Plan Progress Update-** we have submitted our site furnishings preferences to the consultants, so they will be working on getting cost estimates. once we get the cost estimates we draw up the actual construction plans and we can send it out to bid, we have a conference call once a week on Tuesday. We did not get the Part F grant like we had hoped to so we could get KCP done in phase one. Now we will redo two of the tennis courts and patch the other two for now then redo those two in phase two.

**B. Lett Family Park Update-** We had the dedication ceremony on October 3, 2019, all went well, Cameron and Chad were there, members of the Lett family, members from the town board were there, and Amy Dalrymple from the BOC was

there. Finished the concrete pad, the building has a new roof, just need to spread some screening.

- C. **Bird Pens at San-Lee Park-** Graphics are in and looking nice. Staff have been working on a path and retaining fence to go around the pen to keep people from getting too close. Could possibly move the birds next week. Chad Spivey asked if that was the last project for San-Lee Park. John replied; might need more baffles to cut down on noise in the MPC. There are cracks in the upper dam that need to be looked at.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider acceptance of lane lines for O.T. Sloan Pool & Swim Goggles-** The department has been offered some lane lines and the opportunity to obtain about 700 swim goggles and the only expense to the county would be the shipping cost on the goggles. Ashley Long works in trying to promote swim teams and is working with a team from Wake County and Southern Pines to come use Sloan's 50-meter pool for training. John thinks that Ashley has hopes of starting a local swim team. Estimated shipping cost less than \$300. Greg Crowson made a motion to accept the lane line and goggles, Chad Spivey seconded, all in favor unanimous.
  
- B. **Consider Archery Grant Acceptance-** Lee County is one of eighteen counties in the state picked to receive an archery grant. We do not have to return any money, the only requirements are that two staff members get their certification for archery instructors and offer the program for five years. They will send us a starter kit. Chad Spivey asked if the archery program would take place at San-Lee Park. John said possible or look into other venues. Bill Oberkirsch motioned to accept the archery grant, Greg Crowson seconded, all in favor unanimous.
  
- C. **Dr. Crumpton -** Dr. Crumpton addresses the board on the proposed multi sports complex. It came up before the BOC and got mixed reviews. Therefore, the board wants to go out to different places to get more feedback. The complex will have rectangle fields, which have a lot of interest, there will be walking trails, a playground, shelters and 5 baseball fields but with some questioning if we need 5 more baseball fields. Pricing depending on the features, ranging from 18 million to 28 million. John Payne to send out the plans to the board members to look over and discuss and then come back and give their recommendation. Cameron asked if this is something that can be done without raising taxes. Dr. Crumpton said the tax equivalent would be 2 pennies on the tax rate. Looking at possible taking the new revenue from economic growth and investing it in projects or lower the tax rate those are the two choices. This complex would be more for our local teams not so much toward tournaments. It will have more rectangle fields, we are having request for football, soccer and lacrosse. There would be a tournament field with a small press box as well, with seating for minimum of 1,500 people.  
Dr. Crumpton want to talk about the hiring process for the new Parks & Recreation Director, we have received many applications. Dr. Crumpton will put

a committee together and they will interview 7-8 applicants and then narrow it down to 2-3 applicants at that point Dr. Crumpton will bring them before the board, it will put them under a different kind of pressure so we can see how they handle it. The committee will help with the questions; this is done in a closed session and would like to hear the board's thoughts and opinions.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT-** There is a leak in the 50-meter pool at O.T. Sloan Mark Cory said it will not hold pressure. Coming back next week to find the leak may be in the floor or under the deck. Both the Ranger house and the bathhouse have been painted. Lett Park seem to be popular with everyone. Mickey Bowman asked about the disc golf people from last month's meeting. John said that they did some repair but it is a work in progress.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chad Spivey motion to adjourned at 6:28pm Greg Crowson seconded, all in favor unanimous.

  
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Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

  
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Judith Wilson, Secretary