

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, April 25, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were Bill Oberkirsch, Ed Underwood, Greg Crowson, James Emerson, Harry Stryffeler, and alternate Liz Kovasckitz and Commissioner Kirk Smith, in place of Commissioner Ricky Frazier.

Alternate Chad Spivey arrived at 5:50 pm.

Also present were John Payne, Director and Debbie Carroll, secretary.

Absent members were Eric Davison and LeVerne Kinney.

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Bill Oberkirsch.

Motion made on last month's minutes by adding Greg Crowson's name as present made by Ed Underwood. James Emerson seconded the motion and all approved.

Call made for any changes to agenda.

John wanted to add the Dog Park to Old Business

**II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion for approval of agenda and additions by James Emerson.

Seconded by Ed Underwood.

Approved by all.

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

None.

Bill Oberkirsch asked for the Dog Park to be added to the agenda under Old Business for comments.

Motion for approval was made by Greg Crowson, seconded by Ed Underwood, with approval by all.

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

##### **A. San-Lee Nature Center Project**

The second pre-bid meeting was held last Thursday after re-advertising the Nature Center for bids. The first meeting was inadvertently not posted on the county website.

There were 7 bidders that were at the meeting. Bids are due by 2:00 pm on May 5, 2016. John will ask for it to be put on the agenda for the Board of Commissioners.

##### **B. Horton Park Renovations**

Staff have received several very positive comments from the public on renovations that have been done.

##### **C. Dog Park**

Bill Oberkirsch relayed some complaints he has received concerning unauthorized use of the dog park by citizens having no rabies tags displayed on their dogs. John said no complaints have been relayed to him at this time. He said it was a self-reporting park, and no one patrolled it.

Members made suggestions of different ways to enforce the rules posted at the park, such as paying a fee for a key code access.

One member said there have been suggestions to put other dog parks in other locations around town.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Members received a NRPA paper from John containing Lee County's performance report, which contained comparison of our county to all other counties that participated in the survey. The report contained "yardsticks" on our agency's management and operations, allowing improvement opportunities, and showing our strengths and weakness.

The board discussed expenses, operation levels, and other items contained in the report.

#### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

#### **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Been very busy preparing for the spring and summer season.

John has been having a leaking drain repaired at OT Sloan pool.

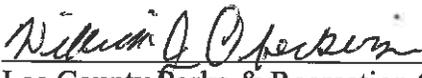
Members made suggestions about the sale of Sunset Park, if the county should purchase it or not, and what could be done with it if bought.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm by Harry Stryffeler

Seconded by Ed Underwood

All were in favor

, Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

  
Debbie Carroll, Secretary