

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, February 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were: Chair Mark Kline, James Emerson, Edgar Underwood, Nicole Ingram, Councilman Poly Cohen and Harry Stryffeler.

Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director, Deborah Carroll, Secretary and Lora Kelley.

Absent members were: Chairman Butch Saunders, Rhea Monti, Eric Davidson and Commissioner Ricky Frazier.

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. with motion for approval by Mark Kline. Motion seconded by Nicole Ingram with all in favor.

**II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Horton Park Plans Update

Mr. Payne met with Ronnie Lee of Operational Services, Dave Gipe and Mark Koury with Dave Gipe & Associates. Measurements were taken of the pool deck and bath house to work up cost estimates for two scenarios. One scenario would modify the pool to a 5 foot depth with zero depth entry to allow for swimming and aquatic exercise classes and some water spray features. The other scenario would convert the pool to a zero depth splash pad. Gipe & Associates' focus is on the cost of renovating the pool and bath house and compliance with ADA access. Parks and Recreation will focus on costs for maintenance, chemicals and supervision. Parks and Recreation will also develop plans to include adding a walking trail around the ball field, cleaning and painting the restroom building and

shelter area, and addition of new playground equipment for younger and/or disabled children.

B. Dog Park Project Update

A meeting was held at the Parks & Recreation office last Tuesday, with seven volunteers attending, to discuss ways to raise funds to build the dog park at Kiwanis Park through contributions. The group discussed and adopted a fundraising flyer to be distributed by the volunteers to raise private funds for the project. Gesci Meyer set up a website on Facebook and an email address, [SanfordDogPark@gmail.com](mailto:SanfordDogPark@gmail.com), to provide information about donations. Friends of the Park, Lee County, Inc., a 501-c-(3) Corporation with the Secretary of State's Office, will process donations for the project.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Fees & Charges Recommendations

Mr. Payne spoke to the committee about increasing fees for outside tournament groups renting the Tramway Road Park baseball fields. He asked to increase fees by \$25 for each of the smaller fields and \$50 for the larger field. This will allow for part-time help to be hired to do field preparation and maintenance and be emergency backup during the weekend tournaments, as they usually run the entire day Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Payne also discussed increasing all registration fees an additional \$1.00 across the board because difficulties present fees are causing for clients and staff alike taking up time making change for ones. He also wants to increase the Tiny Tots fee from \$104, which was a typing error during the last Fees and Charges adoption and should have been \$109, to \$110 per session.

Chair Mark Kline made a motion for approval, Nicole Ingram seconded the motion, all approved.

B. 2013-2014 Budget Request Recommendations

Mr. Payne discussed the department's budget with committee members. Mr. Payne reported to the board that any increases in line items above this current budget year would need to be offset with additional revenues. Members of the board said he was doing a good job with the Park budget. Mr. Stryffeler thanked him for staff help with the 4A regional wrestling tournament that took place the past weekend at Lee County High School in providing mats.

Members spoke of the need for sixth graders to be included in sports at the junior high level so they would not lose interest, the need for a push during the middle school years instead of the younger years for

tournament type sports, and a general discussion on children getting fresh air and having fun while participating in all sports.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Payne distributed the monthly department activities report to members.

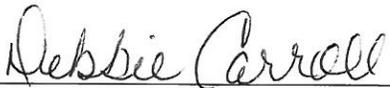
**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was at 6:08 by Harry Stryffeler  
Seconded by Nicole Ingram  
All in favor



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Mark Kline, Co-Chair  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



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Debbie Carroll, Secretary