

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, February 24, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were Mark Kline, Chair, Harry Stryffeler, Vice-Chair, James Emerson, Cameron Sharpe, Nicole Ingram, Edgar Underwood, Eric Davidson, Chad Spivey, and Commissioner Ricky Frazier

Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Debbie Carroll, Secretary.

Absent members were: Rhea Monti

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

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm and motion for approval of minutes from last meeting made by Mark Kline.

Seconded by Harry Stryffeler.

All approved.

No changes to minutes or additions to agenda.

John spoke to members about a meeting he and secretary, Debbie Carroll, attended concerning open meetings laws and minutes presented by Gaynell Lee, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. Changes to minutes or additions to the agenda would need approval from the Parks board and should be added before Petitions and Communications, which is the public comment time period. This would need to be added to future meetings, and any new business would need to be sent to the Sunshine Committee 48 hours in advance. Old business may be added or discussed within the Parks meeting without notification. Members discussed the timelines needed for any changes.

**II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014**

Parks & Recreation officers are elected in December, but new board members are seated in July, according to the Parks by-laws. Members discussed the pros and cons of amending the by-laws to change election times, which would call for recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Board, then being put on the Board of Commissioners' agenda for their approval.

Nominations for the Parks board would be made in July, and elections would be in August, to coincide with the Board of Commissioners' time frame.

Eric Davidson made a motion to amend by-laws to state the election of officers to take place in August each year.

James Emerson seconded motion.

Ayes: Cameron Sharpe, Edgar Underwood, Mark Kline, Chad Spivey

Nay: Harry Stryffeler. Mr. Stryffeler wants follow up for continuity.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Discussion of department budget request for FY 2014-2015**

Mr. Payne distributed to members a copy of the current budget and possible 2% departmental cut of \$24,573. A 3% cut possibility would be \$36,860. Programs and expenses that will be impacted with the cuts, such as adult programs, travel and staff training were discussed.

Members discussed Lee County's flat tax base.

Also discussed were tournament rentals at Tramway Road Park and ways to increase restaurant and hotel reservations locally.

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to accept projected budget request and forward to the Commissioners with 2%, 3% decrements as recommended.

Cameron Sharpe seconded the motion.

Ayes: James Emerson, Edgar Underwood, Eric Davidson, Mark Kline, Chad Spivey.

and

Nay: Nicole Ingram

#### **B. Discussion of Schedule of Fees & Charges**

Members discussed how increases the past three years to the programs have slowed things down instead of helping. They do not want to increase any fees, but hesitate on some of the cuts to programs because of the need to children that may not be able to afford to play in programs such as travel teams. Commissioner Frazier told Mr. Kline that he would like for him to come to the next BOC meeting, after Mr. Kline spoke with members about the community needs, such as good schools and good recreational programs.

A suggestion was made that the Booster Club pay to the county what other vendors must pay to have concessions at the TRP tournaments, and the fee for weekend concessions with the tournaments through the Parks. Harry Stryffeler made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that we accept your projections and the decrements you have issued and table any further discussion until after we know there is going to be such decrement that we have to make adjustments to programs.

Mark Kline seconded the motion.

All approved.

C. Discussion of Fees & Charges Policy

Mr. Payne said the Policy has been in effect since 1987. Members had open discussion concerning vending without permission, rentals at Tramway Road Park, and other issues.

Mark Kline made a motion to keep the current policy as is.

Nicole Ingram seconded the motion.

All approved.

Commissioner Ricky Frazier received a call from a concerned citizen about possible drug activity at one of the parks. He and members discussed the increase in some community violence. Mr. Payne stated that curfew at all parks is 11:00pm. Members want the “dawn to dusk” policy adopted with increased police surveillance and community involvement, unless otherwise posted.

Mark Kline made a motion to adopt the dawn to dusk policy for all Lee Co. parks unless otherwise specified in writing.

Harry Stryffeler seconded the motion.

All approved.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn at 6:20pm by Mark Kline, Chair.

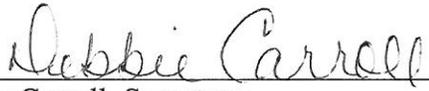
Seconded by Nicole Ingram.

All were in favor.



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Mark Kline, Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



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Debbie Carroll, Secretary