

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, February 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were Ed Underwood, James Emerson, Liz Kovasckitz, Bill Oberkirsch and Chad Spivey. Harry Stryffeler arrived during the New Business discussion.

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

Absent members were Mark Kline, Nicole Ingram, and Eric Davidson.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Bill Oberkirsch and call made for any changes to minutes or agenda

Motion for approval of minutes as they stand by Liz Kovasckitz.

Seconded by James Emerson.

Approved by all.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion for approval of agenda by James Emerson.

Seconded by Chad Spivey.

Approved by all.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update O.T. Sloan Park Project including Dog Park

Brailsford and Dunlavy are doing an evaluation on the focus group meetings and will develop a survey. John gave park examples to Jennifer with the City of Sanford to evaluate. Included in the examples were; Gillette Park in Wilson, Athletic Sportsplex in Rocky Mount, Cary Middle Creek, Southern Pines and Laurinburg.

Money for the dog park has been accepted by the Board of Commissioners from the Friends of the Park Foundation. Brailsford and Dunlavy will do a recommendation for the location after their evaluation. If it must be relocated from the original spot, trees may have to be thinned out. Hours of operation would be the same as all Lee Co. parks, from dawn to dusk.

Members discussed different details of O.T. Sloan Park's future updates and ball fields.

B. Update San-Lee Park Project

Enpuricon has removed asbestos from inside of the building and will be finishing their cleanup soon. A demolition contract will be needed to take down the rest of the building. Plans are to rebuild near the RV campgrounds.

Members discussed some of the plans for the park.

C. Fees & Charges discussion

John spoke with members concerning an incremental increase on rental fees of buildings, shelters, fields, gyms and programs. He gave examples of how much could be generated with a small increase, and how much equity is in the fee cost of programs.

After discussion, members recommended the Ingram rental be increased to \$75 for less than 4 hours and \$100 for greater than 4 hours, gymnastics to increase \$10 per session, and field and facility rentals, dance and art increase \$5, effective July 1, 2015, then re-evaluating the costs at a later date.

Tournament fees would also be increased to \$175 for the three small fields and \$300 for the large field, but would not take effect until 2016, whereas program, shelters, etc. could be increased right away, as there is a disclaimer in the program books that fees could be increased without further notice.

Members talked about tournament costs and usage on the fields. John gave examples of two groups that run tournaments around the country that are using Tramway Road Park every year during the summer.

John told members about the Young Champions of America agreement to use the Bob Hales Center every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. They will charge each child \$7 for enrollment and will split the cost with Parks & Recreation 75/25 for the use of the gym for their Cheer program. There are 45 kids enrolled so far in the program.

John will be posting the "Dawn to Dusk" signage around parks. Police can make arrests after this if there are trespassers.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John said that there was a move to put the blueway at Deep River under Cultural Resources and make safer access points for kayaking and canoeing.

Members discussed developing a lease agreement with Cultural Resources and the Endor Iron Furnace, with the possibility of a disc golf course, trails and boat docks with half and whole day trips on the river kayaking or canoeing to have a picnic lunch.

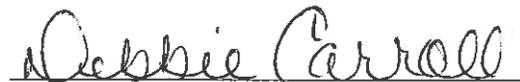
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. by Harry Stryffeler

Seconded by Ed Underwood

All were in favor

William J. Johnson, Acting Chair
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

Debbie Carroll
Debbie Carroll, Secretary