

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, February 27, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330

Members present were Chairman Bill Oberkirsch, Chad Spivey, Greg Crowson, LeVerne Kinney, Cameron Sharpe, Edgar Underwood, Harry Stryffeler and Kevin Frazier. Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director, Judy Wilson and Lora Kelley secretary. Absent were James Emerson and Butch Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bill Oberkirsch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Harry Stryffeler made a motion to approve January minutes and Edgar Underwood seconded the motion. All in favor unanimous.

II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amended agenda John Payne requested to move item G of new business to top of list. Motion to approve the agenda by Harry Stryffeler and Greg Crowson seconded the motion. All in favor unanimous.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

See item G of new business.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **San-Lee Nature Center Project Update-** coming along great had a two-week lull waiting on timberwork people to come in, beams are in, almost finished with the 2X6 tongue and groove, roofers will be in there this week putting insulation on there, HVAC guys are in there putting the duct work together. Duke Energy run the underground

and set post for the parking lot lights. Timberwork people were late getting there so they have work two straight Saturday and Sunday trying to get back on schedule.

- B. San-Lee Park Work Shop-** the three things left, we need Duke Energy to hook up the electrical to the pole everything is run and tied into the building, HVAC needs to be run no scheduled date for that and last thing is sealant of the concrete floor. There is a 16X16 concrete floor six inches deep outside the building for Steve to do maintenance on any heavy equipment or paddle boats. Water and sewer hooked up last week, Steve found a water leak the next morning from a bad fitting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- G. Discussion of Select Team play-** Bill Shuey explains the rules for his Select Team/League- they will travel, geared to get P&R participants to a higher level of play, each player must participate in P&R league, 8U only (coach pitch), request to use Dalrymple field free of charge, \$500 entry fee (sponsored), 11 kids on the team at this time made up of some All-Stars and select others, roster can hold 15 players 4 spots still open, practice on Sunday and Tuesday, games on Sunday April 9th, 23rd, 30th and May 7th, 2 tournament dates in Smithfield, Chad Spivey asked if practice times conflicted with other teams? Will not interfere with any P&R practices, there are 4 other teams in the league Garner GBI, Cleveland, Zebulon and Benson it's a 5 team league. Two home games on April 9th& 23rd and two away games on April 30th and May 7th they will be double headers 2 hours of game time 5 innings or 1 hour each game. Being on the Select Team does not mean you will automatically be on the All-Star team. Harry Stryffeler opposed due to age and too many games and "Select" being the focus but feels confident in Bill that he will follow rules. Fewer kids participate now "Burnt Out" the more we tailored towards All-Stars the weaker the programs get. Reduces the number of participants ultimately. Harry Stryffeler moves to accept Bill's proposal with the condition that any expansion teams next year has to come back to the board for approval, should not be a blanket approval for 10, 12, 14 were this is going. Greg Crowson seconds the motion all in favor unanimous.

- A. Consider scholarship policy for programs-** John stated we want to keep the policy as simple as possible "no Lee County resident child will be denied participation due to financial hardship". Bill Oberkirsch asked how we plan to verify hardship? They will tell us their story, could be a single parent, be on aid from social services or loss of a job. We would establish a committee and all the records will be confidential a log will be kept of all scholarships and a report will be sent out to the scholarship fund committee in aggregate numbers not by the individual. We have not publicized in the past as we continue to increase fees we will advertise scholarships in our program books. Bill Oberkirsch ask how will the funds be replenished? Will make an accounting back to the committee this money is only for Lee County children focused on 12 and under. Greg Crowson motions to accept policy statement LeVerne Kinney seconds all in favor unanimous.

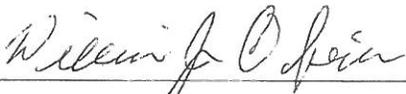
- B. Consider acceptance of funds from Mary Margaret McLeod Trust for scholarships-** Harry Stryffeler motions to accept the funds Greg Crowson seconds all in favor unanimous
- C. Discussion of Kiwanis Family Park proposed projects-** John shows the plans for Kiwanis splash pad. Increase parking by 100 spaces for a total of 216, a paved trail in the meadow, replace the playground with a larger inclusive one, add splash pad with it's own restroom, update existing restroom and add park art. Board discussed the plans, parking, who will manage it, rental rates. Harry Stryffeler does not like splash pad for Kiwanis Park, feels better use of the park would be adding an activity building or shelter.
- D. Consider request for reserved use of the Dog Park at O.T. Sloan-** at this time there is no exclusive use or fees for the dog park, we received a call from a woman who wants to have a Great Dane meet up. Bill Oberkirsch asked if it is separated in two areas? It is but the department would have to post reserve signs otherwise its fair game. Bill Oberkirsch asked how long the dog park has been there and how many request to rent? This is the first one! Chad Spivey suggest keeping it as is too many other places to go have a dog meet up. Greg Crowson motion to deny exclusive use of the dog park Edgar Underwood seconds all in favor unanimous
- E. Consider Schedule of Fees & Charges-** John explains the fees and charges hand out, said we did not have to make a decision on it tonight. John want to have it ready to go out with the agenda package but had many things going on and could not get it together. It can wait until our next meeting. Bill Oberkirsch questioned Armory rental fee.
- F. Discussion of FY 2017-2018 Budget Request-** John not prepared, looking at \$286,000 in part time employee line item, trying to adjust pay rates rather than give our seasonal part time people a 1% raise on and \$8 per/hour, give them the minimum the first year and if they keep coming back .25 cents each year, we pay less than other folks for our part time people. Will get everything ready for our meeting in March.

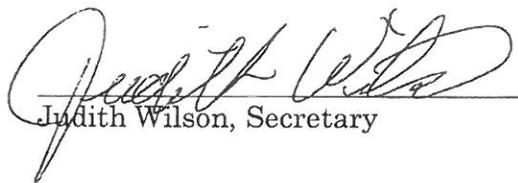
VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
No Comment

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
No Comment

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Edgar Underwood motion to adjourn at 6:47pm LeVerne Kinney seconds all in favor unanimous.


_____, Chairman
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Judith Wilson, Secretary