

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, January 23, 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, James Emerson, Greg Crowson, Cameron Sharpe, Edgar Underwood, Kevin Dodson, Harry Stryffeler and Kevin Frazier. Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director, Judy Wilson and Lora Kelley secretary. Absent were LeVerne Kinney and Butch Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bill Oberkirsch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Greg Crowson made a motion to approve November minutes and Edgar Underwood seconded the motion. All board members agreed to approve the minutes.

II. ADDITION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John Payne added

A. Contribution from the Mary Margaret McLeod Fund.

A2. Fees and Charges for the upcoming year.

C. Southern Lee High School requested to build a covered batting cage at Tramway Road Park.

Motion to approve the agenda by Greg Crowson seconded by Edgar Underwood. All board members agreed.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

No comments.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. San-Lee Park Project Update**, looking to get Certificate of Occupancy first week of June. Should be substantially complete by the middle of May. Beams going in this week and hoping they will be dried in by the middle of February. Cameron Sharp said he loved the location sitting atop the hill looking down he thinks it will be a great asset to the county. John stated that San-Lee Park lost seven RV campsites due to it being the only place with the square footage need and up out of the flood plan. Ed Underwood ask what was the demand for RV campsites. John explained two or three campers out there all the times.
- B. San-Lee Park Workshop Update**, the building is in the insulation is in the restroom dried in the electrical is in. Bill Oberkirsch asked if pass inspection, waiting on Duke Energy to run three phase to the main building, nature center and to the workshop on Thursday. The only items remaining is to get some windows and HVAC put in. Hoping to be in use within the next thirty days. Hope to clean out storage trailer to free up parking spaces before season begins.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider contributions from Marry Margaret McLeod Fund** John Payne met with the committee that is responsible for distributing funds form the Mary Margaret McLeod Trust for Lee County, wanting to help youths, they came up with scholarships for Parks and Recreation programs, \$2500 to begin with and in time, based on need increase amount to \$5000. Needs BOC approval for scholarship funds James Emerson asked who knows about the scholarships. We do not advertise. Harry Stryffeler suggested developing a written formal policy with parameters and reviewed by County Attorney. John Payne the only requirement from the committee was they get an annual report by demographics, age, gender and program. Harry Stryffeler motion to accept the money to establish a scholarship fund contingent upon BOC approved policy, Greg Crowson seconded the motion all board members agreed.
- A2.** Get schedule fees for the next meeting, increment of \$5 increase for programing fee and need to look at increasing rental fees.
- B. Kiwanis Family Park Upgrade**, The Interlocal Committee is trying to find suitable property for a splash pad, 6-8 acres are need. KCP not enough parking there. Counsel contacted the National Park Service to find out what is involved because Kiwanis was developed with Land and Water Conservation funds which will have restrictions. Edgar Underwood asked how will this one compare to the one at Depot Park, feels that the fountain is not over used. John Payne replied this one would have multiple features. Board discuss the parking issues at Kiwanis.

John Payne points out advantages, schedule daycares on one-hour bases, 9-12pm \$1 per child. Harry Stryffeler asked why turn it over to the city to do it, John stated the city has 2million in a Parks and Recreation bond they have to spend. Board discuss location proximity to US #1. Harry Stryffeler thinks it's a great place, it will need extensive renovation which has to be maintained by city or will it ultimately shift back to the county to maintain and upkeep. John Payne has money budgeted for improvements at Kiwanis, upgrade playground, shade structures and work around the gazebo (sensory garden). Edgar Underwood still questioning splash pad. John Payne it will create revenue. Harry Stryffeler questioned will this be a repeat of the Bob Hales renovation. Who maintains, pays utility bills and upkeep City or County. He agrees with the location but transfer funds annually from City to County to maintain. Harry Stryffeler motioned that the board support the splash pad contingent on getting answers to how it will be managed. Greg Crowson seconded the motion all board members agreed.

C. Covered Batting Cage at TRP add item received after agenda was sent out.

Coach Miller wants to add cage on county property for exclusive use.

Harry Stryffeler brings up concerns about who will get to use it and who will decide the usage. Agrees with concept needs more concrete details location-etc.

Harry Stryffeler motion to move forward contingent on detailed site plans, detailed construction plan, and a detailed utility usage plan for Joint Session to meet for approval. Edgar Underwood seconded the motion and all board members agreed.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brandi Phillips has left and went to Sandhills Community College we have received about twenty a applications. In the next week or so, start interviewing. Needs to be highly qualified in Aquatics.

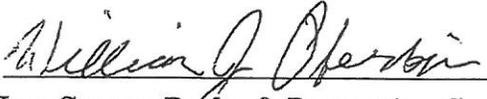
Harry Stryffeler thanked P&R on behave of LCHS for help with a recent wrestling practice dilemma.

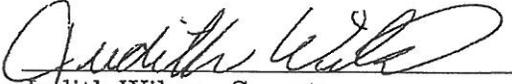
VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John Payne turned in CIP on January 20th for OT Sloan 36,000 square foot multi-purpose building behind the new Credit Union on 10 acre track donated by Temple Sloan.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm by Harry Stryffeler seconded by Edgar Underwood. All board members agreed.

William J. Oberlin, Chairman
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Judith Wilson, Secretary