

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, June 23, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were Chad Spivey, Mark Kline, Chair, Ed Underwood, James Emerson, Nicole Ingram, Eric Davidson and Commissioner Kirk Smith.

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

Absent members were Commissioner Ricky Frazier, Harry Stryffeler and Cameron Sharpe.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm and motion for approval of minutes was made by Mark Kline.

Ed Underwood requested a change of language in the Director's Report concerning a farmer cutting and bailing grass at O.T. Sloan Park.

Motion made for approval of change by Mark Kline.
Seconded by Chad Spivey.
Approved by all.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes to agenda.
Motion for approval of amended minutes for last month by Mark Kline.
Seconded by James Emerson.
Approved by all.

Mr. Emerson made a motion to accept the agenda as read.
Seconded by Nicole Ingram.
Approved by all.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider Non-Resident Lee County Employee Fee & Charges

A message was in the county suggestion mailbox forwarded to Mr. Crumpton that non-resident full-time Lee County employees receive a waiver from out-of-county fees as a perk of employment.

Members discussed the language needed for a recommendation, that full time county government employees living out of county pay the same fees and charges as Lee County residents for Parks & Recreation programs.

Ed Underwood made a motion of recommendation to carry to the Board of Commissioners.

James Emerson seconded the motion.

All approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. KAB/Lowe's Grant Application

Mr. Payne is partnering with Lee Co. Cooperative Extension and Crystal McIver, who does the Peace & Unity garden adjacent to Horton Park, to apply for a grant with the "Keep America Beautiful" campaign and Lowes Local Heroes. The grant has three levels, one at \$5,000, one at \$10,000 and one at \$20,000. John has put together some cost estimates to apply for one of them to help Horton look better. He notified the county manager about the grant, and met with Susan Condlin, Agricultural Extension Director, Crystal, and Kim Tungate, extension agent. Kim actually began writing the grant this past Tuesday.

Members discussed the costs estimates of different repairs to beautify Horton Park with the grant possibilities. The estimates would include new signage, two handicap parking spaces, replacing the old plantings with new ones, fencing for the basketball court and handicap trails accessible to both the basketball court and playgrounds.

Painting the building and roof work will be done at a future date and will not be included with the grant.

Nicole Ingram made a motion for support of the grant application.

James Emerson seconded the motion, after some member discussion concerning the fencing costs.

Eric Davidson arrived during the discussion.

Yay: Chad Spivey, Mark Kline, James Emerson, Nicole Ingram, Eric Davidson, and Commissioner Kirk Smith.

Nay: None

Ed Underwood asked to abstain from voting. Board acknowledged his request.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks & Recreation was recognized as Department of the Month Tuesday.

An agreement has been made with the Boys & Girls Club for the summer. They will have about 40 kids at Bob Hales Center each day for their STEM grant.

Over 3000 people have been to the O.T. Sloan Pool since Memorial Day for public swim. One hundred thirty two have signed up for swim lessons on the first "Learn to Swim" session, and many have reserved the pool for private parties.

There have been a couple of incidences with the pool and other parks, so off-duty city police officers will be utilized. John spoke with the board of a couple of recent incidents at the pool. Motion activated lights and cameras may be installed there.

Pre-School Tee Ball will finish up this Saturday.

Track meet kids that qualified will be going to Raleigh this Friday.

Mark Kline spoke with members about the Bark for Your Park campaign, where public can vote on-line or Facebook to win up to \$100,000 for a dog park. John spoke with members about the specifics of the campaign that works with the county and city.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:03pm by Eric Davidson

Seconded by James Emerson

All were in favor



Mark Kline, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Debbie Carroll, Secretary