

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

MINUTES

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

Members present were Mark Kline, Chair, Commissioner Ricky Frazier, Cameron Sharpe, James Emerson, Edgar Underwood, and Harry Stryffeler, V-Chair.

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

Absent members were Rhea Monti, Nicole Ingram, Eric Davidson, and Chad Spivey.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm and motion for approval of minutes by Harry Stryffeler.

Seconded by James Emerson.

Motion approved unanimously.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No additions to agenda.

Motion for approval of agenda by Ricky Frazier.

Seconded by Edgar Underwood.

Motion approved unanimously.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Follow up of FY2014-2015 Budget

John and Lora Kelley met with county manager and finance director last Friday, with several discussions concerning the Parks upcoming budget year. The county manager is still meeting with department heads and will know more once the Board of Commissioners meets again. The Parks &

Recreation budget will be presented in April to the commissioners and finalized by June.

Members discussed the downfall of cuts to the Parks and other departments.

A. Follow up on O.T. Sloan Park Concept Plan

The county manager will try to set up a joint meeting with the city to have a plan for O.T. Sloan redesigned park, as both will need to be involved for the concept for all of the parks to go forward.

B. Follow up on Dalrymple Park

A check was received from Greenway Partners that will be carried forward into next year. A matching PARTF grant will be applied for in January 2015 and carried forward into the 2015-2016 budget year. John discussed with members the costs on individual project improvements at Dalrymple Park, which would total up to nearly \$47,000. All would be covered through the check and matching PARTF grant.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tramway Intersession Camp for the last two weeks has gone well, with 16 kids enrolled.

The spring tennis program has over 100 kids enrolled. Members talked about possible fee increases because of need for extra staff to help for 6 weeks and the supervisor wanting T-shirts for the kids.

Baseball/softball now has a waiting list because of so many enrollees. Gymnastics had about \$150,000 in revenues last year because of enrollment. During February, gymnastics had 10 birthday parties which brought in \$1000.

San-Lee Park has a huge turnout for mountain bike riders, with the park known up and down throughout the eastern seaboard for the trails. This makes problems on the weekends with rentals because of parking, as bikers do not pay a fee for using the trails. Large rental groups may not have adequate space and sometimes the gates must be closed due to the park being full, causing spillover onto the sides of Pumping Station Rd. Mr. Payne said he was there this past Saturday and he counted 30 cars entering the park in a one hour span.

Members discussed possible fees to impose per car, sign-in sheets for bikers, and the risks if no one knew of the bikers left on the trails.

Also discussed was AAU baseball reservations on the TRP fields, with 13 scheduled on the fields now, not including school usage.

Mr. Payne passed out papers concerning all county parks adopting the dawn to dusk policy. He would like the public's feedback before presenting it to the Board of Commissioners for adoption of the policy. He said the policy would make things easier for law enforcement to deal with any illegal activity in the parks.

Members talked about the time description of dawn to dusk, early morning walkers, specified exemptions for some persons or groups, and the matter of being a good neighbor to surrounding public housed close by.

No voting action was taken at this time from the Parks board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:10pm by Ricky Frazier

Seconded by Harry Stryffeler

All were in favor



Mark Kline, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Debbie Carroll, Secretary