

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were James Emerson, Chad Spivey, Ed Underwood, Chair Mark Kline, Commissioner Ricky Frazier, and Harry Stryffeler.

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

Absent members were Cameron Sharpe, Nicole Ingram, and Eric Davidson.

Guest speakers were Frances Warner and William Matthews.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Ayes: James Emerson, Chad Spivey, Ed Underwood, Ricky Frazier

Nays: none

**II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion for approval of agenda by Mark Kline

Seconded by Ricky Frazier

Approved by all

**III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Lemon Springs Improvement Corp.**

Formed in 1985 to take care of the community interests, it now only has 3 remaining members. The Lemon Springs Family Park has a ball field and 4 acres of land, 650 square foot community building, and a quarter mile track. The building's value is \$48,000 and land is \$78,000.

The corporation approached Mr. Payne wanting to know if the county would be interested in taking over the property. He said the building would be of interest because of all of the rental demands for our Ingram Building at Dalrymple and San-Lee Park's multipurpose room for birthday parties, baby showers, etc.

Mr. Payne introduced Frances Warner, president of the Lemon Springs Improvement Corp., and William Matthews to the board. Mr. Matthews

spoke to board members about deeding the property over to the county. He gave a description of the building and property amenities and said the building's tax value is \$48,100 and land is valued at \$78,400.

Mr. Stryffeler arrived during the discussion.

Members talked about the property and building's usage, and taxes. Mr. Frazier recommended doing a cost analysis on it to present to the county board to have all of the documentation to bring before the county board.

Mr. Emerson made a motion to recommend it to the Board of Commissioners.

Harry Stryffeler seconded the vote.

All were in favor.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Consider Non-Resident Lee County Employee Fees & Charges**

Mr. Crumpton forwarded an email to Mr. Payne concerning Lee County employees that do not live within the county wanting out of county fees waived for the Parks and Recreation amenities.

Members discussed the benefits of amending out of county fees for those employed by Lee Co. Discussion centered on fee reduction for county government employees. Mr. Frazier said it would be good for the county morale. Mr. Underwood wants no unseen ramifications. Mr. Kline suggested the county attorney look at the policy's wording with Mr. Payne and give a report back to the Parks board.

A motion was made by Harry Stryffeler to amend the county Parks & Recreation fees for full-time Lee Co. Government employees living out-of-county.

Motion was seconded by Ricky Frazier.

All were in favor.

##### **B. Consider Letter of Support for Bark for Your Park Campaign**

The Bark for Your Park campaign has already been presented to the Board of Commissioners with their support and a letter stating the land is available for the park.

Mr. Stryffeler made a motion for support of the recommendation.

Mr. Kline seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

## VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Payne signed a Memo of Understanding with a farmer who will keep the 10 acres at O.T. Sloan Park mowed and grass bailed so as to not add additional strain to the General Services staff.

John spoke with members concerning the children being dropped off for school in the parking lot by the soccer field. The high school feels like it is a safety issue. There are 4 SROs at the elementary schools that go to the high schools. Two will be watching the parking lots and two will be watching the buses. He said he would be posting No Loitering signs with estimated times of operation on them. An unfortunate incident occurred this past Saturday evening at the Bob Hale Center. A young man, 25 years old, playing with a group, collapsed and died on the basketball court after some type of seizure. Larry Mills, gym supervisor, called Mr. Payne after calling 911 to report it to him. Larry said EMS was there within 4-5 minutes but the man could not be revived.

O.T. Sloan opened Saturday to the public, with over 500 coming in to swim. Two schools were in there the week before for their field trips.

San-Lee Park hosted a half marathon Saturday for the SPURS from Southern Pines. Steve Godfrey, the park ranger, said they were well organized and extremely helpful making sure their group did things right.

John discussed with members the 2014-2015 recreation revenues and upcoming budget discussions before the Board of Commissioners.

Ed Underwood spoke before members concerning citizens sitting on the split rail fences at Kiwanis Family Park. John will speak with the county attorney about liability options, perhaps with signage.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:18 by Harry Stryffeler

Seconded by Mark Kline

All in favor



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Mark Kline, Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



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Debbie Carroll, Secretary