

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, May 23, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Gordon Wicker Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were Bill Oberkirsch, James Emerson, Harry Stryffeler, Ed Underwood, and alternate Liz Kovasckitz. Greg Crowson and LeVerne Kinney arrived after the meeting had started.

Also present were John Payne, Director and Debbie Carroll, secretary

Absent members were Eric Davidson and alternate Chad Spivey.

Commissioners were in a scheduled board meeting.

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Bill Oberkirsch. Motion for approval of last month's minutes and the previous month's minutes with Greg Crowson's name added was made by Harry Stryffeler. Seconded by James Emerson. Approved by all.

Call made for any changes to agenda.

**II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion for approval of agenda made by Harry Stryffeler. Seconded by Ed Underwood. Approved by all.

**III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)**

None.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. San-Lee Nature Center Project Update**

John reported that when bids opened, there were 4 bidders. The lowest bidder was over the budget. Members discussed bid concerns and cost increases of the project and materials with Mr. Payne. He said with the passage of time, nearly two years, prices have gone up on materials. He said the Nature Center project has been scaled back as much as possible.

The original project budget was \$1.2 million for the Nature Center. The capital project ordinance of \$1,583,555 is allocated from fund balance, which includes the \$379,000 from the NCAACC and \$240,000 from the Colon Road lift station sale for a net of \$964,555 from the fund balance.

Approval of the budget will be at the June 6, 2016 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners were meeting at the Government Center at the same time as the Parks & Recreation meeting to discuss budgets.

Greg Crowson arrived at the meeting.

**B. Horton Park Renovations Update**

Mr. Payne put in purchase orders in the last 2 weeks for some of the last of improvements to be done at Horton Park.

LeVerne Kinney arrived at the meeting.

Basketball courts need be resurfaced. Informal bids have been submitted and courts will be done in two to three weeks.

New benches and new pedestal trash cans are to be installed, along with electrical outlets done in-house for renters. A water fountain and spigot have been installed.

**C. Dalrymple Park Improvements Update**

Bids have come in for replacing the playground. The rest of the playground area and fencing will be torn out to install a new one and 4 feet tall fence. The same person that built Tramway Road Park playground will be doing Dalrymple. Ground cover materials will be done separate. The playground area will not be available for use for a couple of weeks.

The basketball courts are worn through and will soon begin to crack at the lines. They will be resurfaced at the same time as Horton.

Members talked of various concerns around some of the parks.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Schedule of Fees & Charges**

Members reviewed changes in the proposed Fees & Charges Schedule packet that were marked in red. Most increases were \$10-\$15. A review done by Brailsford & Dunlavey in the fall said Lee Co. was charging approximately \$25 less than other counties and needed to increase costs to have profit on many activities.

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to approve the improvements to the Fees & Charges Schedule as presented and forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Greg Crowson seconded the motion, and all approved.

The Fees & Charges increases will go before the Board of Commissioners on their June 6, 2016 agenda.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Entire department is very busy for the summer/

Kathy Edwards had two meets in gymnastics, standing room only.

Track has about 120 enrollees that are meeting on Saturdays and will begin Thursdays and Saturdays starting this week.

John received a call from Human Resources at Lowes Home Improvements wanting to donate \$2500 to park improvements through a grant. He will use most of it towards Buchanan Park to finish beautification and other improvements after the tornado 5 years ago.

Harry told the newer park board members of donations that Lowes had made towards improvements at San-Lee Park with Eagle Scout projects.

Learn to Swim registrations began today at O.T. Sloan pool.

Harry Stryffeler said wrestling will begin with the middle schools this fall, with Parks & Recreation staff helping.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:09 by Harry Stryffeler.

Motion was seconded by Ed Underwood.

All were in favor

 , Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

  
Debbie Carroll, Secretary