

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, November 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were James Emerson, Edgar Underwood, Eric Davidson, Cameron Sharpe, and Councilman Poly Cohen.

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

Absent members were Mark Kline, Harry Stryffeler, Nicole Ingram, Rhea Monti, Commissioner Kirk Smith, and Commissioner Ricky Frazier.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm and motion for approval of minutes from August made by James Emerson.

Seconded by Ed Underwood

All approved

There was no meeting in September and no quorum for the October 28, 2013 meeting.

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. O.T. Sloan Park Access Issues

Mr. Payne reviewed the police report breakdown Mr. Billy Cox presented to him during the August meeting. Members discussed the costs involved with fencing and signage. John said he would speak with the Board of Commissioners and county attorney to see what the signage

would need to say. Mr. Underwood recommended the homeowners post signs on their property.

B. Follow-up Commissioners' Directive re: Gun Ordinance for Parks

State laws changed October 1 concerning guns in parks. The Board of Commissioners repealed two items in the Parks and Recreation Ordinance that were in conflict with the new laws. Parks must post appropriate signage regarding conceal carry, which would include gymnasiums, athletic fields and swimming pools, still being prohibited. Members discussed the dual use of schools with the parks concerning the gun laws.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider NC PARTF Grant Application for Dalrymple Park

A letter was in packets for October from Brad Parker with Greenway Residential Development, which built Autumn Oaks across from Dalrymple Park. They have committed \$21,750 for Dalrymple Park improvements. Mr. Payne would like to use this to apply for a PARTF Grant with matching funds for more improvements to the park. This would include a paved pathway, handicap spaces and playground updates. The grant must be turned in by January 31, 2014. Members discussed handicapped accessibility for the basketball court and playground area at Dalrymple and other county parks, along with the possibility of the City of Sanford funding some of Dalrymple.

Recommendation for approval was made by Eric Davidson at 5:49, and seconded by James Emerson. All approved.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Payne said he would speak with Mark Kline to appoint a nominations committee.

The Board of Commissioners voted in Chadburn "Chad" Spivey to the Parks and Recreation Board.

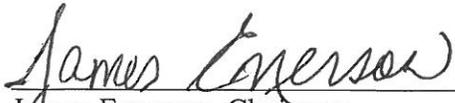
Registrations are going well within the department.

Last Sunday, the main office had a break-in over the weekend, with keys to the Armory and Wicker gym, and Tramway and Greenwood school gyms, taken. A jar with money and raffle tickets for a needy Christmas family was also taken. Police were able to get fingerprints from the jar and broken windows. The building will have a contracted alarm system installed along with motion detectors and door contacts.

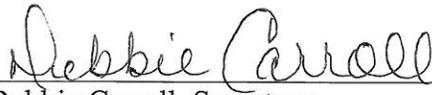
A framed certificate of appreciation was presented to Poly Cohen, who is retiring in December, for his years of service to the Parks & Recreation Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:56pm by James Emerson
Seconded by Cameron Sharpe
All were in favor



James Emerson, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Debbie Carroll, Secretary