

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, November 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were Greg Crowson, Bill Oberkirsh, Ed Underwood and Eric Davison. Alternate member Liz Kovaskitz was also present.

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

Absent members were Harry Stryffeler, James Emerson, Leverne Kinney and Chad Spivey.

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

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm when quorum was present by acting chair Bill Oberkirsh. Motion for approval of last month's minutes was made by Ed Underwood, seconded by Greg Crowson and approved by all.

Call was made for any changes to the agenda.

**II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion for approval of agenda made by Greg Crowson, seconded by Eric Davison, approved by all.

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

None.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Payne showed board members the architect's rendering of the new Nature Center plans and gave a description of the interior and building materials.

John will meet with the county manager, John Crumpton, finance director, Lisa Minter, and General Services director, Russell Spivey tomorrow, about reducing the cost estimate for the project.

**B. Dog Park at O.T. Sloan Park**

Water lines and hydrants have been installed and fencing will be next.

Benches and signage have been delivered to the Parks & Recreation office.

Tentative completion is projected for the end of December or first couple of weeks in January, barring any delays, with a possible soft opening.

C. Bob E. Hales Center Renovations

Mr. Payne met with Tim Sherman, architect, last week to go over final plans on the Armory renovations.

Projected budget for the renovations is \$165,000. It will be presented for bids after the first of the year.

D. Horton Park Renovations

John talked with members about changes that have been done to the surrounding area of Horton and updates to the park.

A purchase order has been done for the fencing that will go around the basketball court.

Walkways will soon be put in soon and will include handicapped parking areas with access to the ball courts. John told members he has received several calls concerning handicap accommodating courts.

The roofing has been installed on the shelter and building.

Members asked about any updated information concerning Kiwanis Childrens' Park Place. John told of the Kiwanis Club of Lee Co. planting flowers and bulbs at various locations around the park area in late October to brighten it up for spring.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of Policy/Procedure for Weekend Tournament Dates/Awards

John said he was getting ready for the next year of baseball and softball tournament requests for the Tramway Road Park fields. He has received calls from USAA, Nations, Top Gun and one other group, our regular field renters, wanting to know about available dates for the spring. He will work with them as soon as the schools fill in their field schedule dates.

Members discussed options of a new policy concerning full weekend versus one day tournament rentals, pricing, and other nearby cities' ways of conducting their field rentals.

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Appoint Nominating Committee for Recommendation of Officers January Meeting

Bill Oberkirsh and Liz Kovaskitz were selected as the nominating committee for new officers to be elected at the January meeting.

Mrs. Kovaskitz and some of the members requested another list of the current board members with Parks & Recreation and their contact information.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

John spoke concerning current programs and their progress in the last month and upcoming months.

John said the Board of Commissioners passed a "no smoking" policy for all county property, including the parks, last Monday night at their meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by Ed Underwood

Seconded by Greg Crowson

All were in favor

 , Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

  
Debbie Carroll, Secretary