

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012  
MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, October 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were: Mark Kline, Edgar Underwood, James Emerson, Nicole Ingram, Eric Davidson, Councilman "Poly" Cohen (ex-officio member/non-voting), and Commissioner Ed Paschal. Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director, and Debbie Carroll, Secretary. Absent members were: Butch Saunders and Rhea Monti.

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

Mark Kline called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes and Harry Stryffeler seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Payne introduced Steve Godfrey, San-Lee Park head ranger, to the Commission. William Cox, Meredith Mansfield and Daniel Mouser were presented with plaques for their quick thinking in getting a child and woman out of the lake, with Daniel jumping into the water from the boat to pull them to the bank. Steve spoke to the board of their maturity at their young ages with help and upkeep at the park. Members gave the group a standing ovation.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Horton Park Survey**

Members discussed the lack of response from the on-line and hard copy surveys. Construction and development for the park were discussed, with the improvements generated more towards children and families. Mark Kline spoke of combining the previous year's survey and the present one to find funding for the park, plus community support for any upgrades. The survey area will be expanded to include local churches as many of them do not have facilities to do activities and use Horton field. Mr. Payne will be doing personal interviews of whether the residents would like a baseball/football field or a general use area. Other area events will be targeted to be included in the survey.

James Emerson made a motion to continue the survey, with Harry Stryffeler seconding it. All were in favor.

**B. Dog Park Survey**

Lora Kelley said 228 people have taken part with the on-line survey and had 30 responses in-office. Surveys were dropped off at local veterinarians, groomers and pet stores and those have not been counted as of yet. The response so far has been very positive. Members discussed some of the needs and cost to implement the park. Lora said the only requirements would be shade and water for the dogs. Mr. Kline suggested also putting the survey over at Kiwanis Park so those that did or did not want the dog park could answer it. Mr. Payne said some of the details of building and rules for using the dog park would need to be discussed with the new county attorney.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Conservation Cubs Program**

Jaime Osborne presented board members with information concerning the Conservation Cubs, doing a price and time cut with the program. Mark Kline made a motion to approve. Ed Underwood seconded the motion. All were in approval.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee updates

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Payne said the city is doing a plan review on a project adjoining Dalrymple Park, putting a storage unit in on Mr. Mann's old property. He said foul balls may be going over the fence. Fencing being put in adjacent to Field 1 will correct a run-off problem. Monies from a grant with the city will help fund an upgrade on the playground and the possibility of a short trail from the park connecting it with Autumn Oaks apartments.

Parks & Recreation will be hosting the U11 World Series Tournament the second weekend in November. The department has received many compliments on the facilities and good revenue from tournaments held in the past few months.

Mr. Stryffeler asked about the Commissioners' action concerning the Southern Lee field house. Mr. Payne said the original building plan had changed and the storage area has been eliminated.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss Mark Kline made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Edgar Underwood seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



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Mark Kline  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



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Debbie Carroll, Secretary