

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

MINUTES

Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, October 26, 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, James Emerson, Vice-Chair, Ed Underwood, LeVerne Kinney, Bill Oberkirsch, and Commissioner Dr. Ricky Frazier.

Alternate members Chad Spivey and Liz Kovasckitz were also present.

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

Absent members were Harry Stryffeler (who arrived later in the meeting) and Eric Davidson.

There were no guest speakers.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by James Emerson and motion for approval of minutes was made by Liz Kovasckitz.

Ed Underwood asked a question concerning shared parking after renovations are made at the Bob Hales Center from last month's minutes. After clarification, motion for approval was seconded by Bill Oberkirsch.

All approved.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion for approval of agenda was made by Bill Oberkirsch.

Seconded by Ed Underwood.

Approved by all.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

None.

Harry Stryffeler, Chair, arrived at 5:35 pm and chaired the meeting from that point.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. San-Lee Nature Center Project

HH Architecture team and John, along with some staff from our department, have had several meetings to look at what the critical needs would be for the new Nature Center. Three different floor plans were presented to him that have around 6000 square feet on each. It was decided to reduce the workshop size from the plans and put storage in a separate metal building away from the main area to reduce any fuel fumes. Mr. Payne gave members a description of the floor plans for the new center. He added that another entrance to the center will be put in up the hill on Pumping Station Road, instead of the old main entrance. The new roadway entrance will serve dual purpose for emergency services.

John has received a quote for a prefab restroom that could be placed on site. It would contain an additional electrical room that would house the alarm emergency system for the dam, which is a requirement from the Core of Engineers because of a few houses located downstream from the park.

John gave the Board an update for the projects including preliminary floor plans and general orientation of the building and parking area.

B. Dog Park at O.T. Sloan Park

John updated the Board on progress. Water lines were installed and PO's written for other park elements including fencing, signage, and benches.

C. Bob E. Hales Center Renovations

Architect Tim Sherman should have plans ready to go to bid the 1st week of November.

There was some discussion of program plans for the space once renovated.

D. Horton Park Renovations

Items completed include new roofs on the shelter and restroom building. Seven loads of ABC stone were placed in the parking drive areas.

The water has been upgraded. There is a faucet and working fountain at the shelter now.

Commissioner Frazier wants signage put up at all of the parks after renovations are completed. Members talked of passes that could be issued for early runners, late runners, etc.

E. Kiwanis Children's Park Place

The Lee Co. Kiwanis Club planted day lilies, daffodils and Knock Out roses this past Saturday at the Children's Park Place. It is a test project for improvements to add color and beauty around the parks. They are hoping

other groups will step up to help with volunteering for plantings at other parks.

The Kiwanis Club paid for the flowers and will be responsible for their upkeep. JJ's on NC 501 donated the roses. John wants anything planted to be very low maintenance and hardy.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Parks & Recreation will have their regular meeting in November, but usually do not have one in December due to the holidays and family travel.

John asked members to give thought to who they wanted on the P & R board over the holidays as there are some openings coming up.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Payne referred members to his report passed out at the beginning of the meeting and asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Members talked of having connectivity for new people coming into the county so they would have places to go to when arriving, and residents having the same thing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:13 by Bill Oberkirsch

Seconded by Ed Underwood

All were in favor


_____, Chair
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Debbie Carroll, Secretary