

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, October 24, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were Bill Oberkirsch, James Emerson, Harry Stryffeler, Greg Crowson, and Ed Underwood.

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

Absent members were LeVerne Kinney, Chad Spivey and Butch Saunders.

Guests were Karen Tatum and daughter, Amber Hackney.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with a call for approval of minutes. Motion was made by Greg Crowson, seconded by Ed Underwood, and approved by all.

Call was made for any changes to the agenda.
John added Karen Tatum under the New Business section.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion for approval of agenda, with additions, and minutes Greg Crowson, seconded by James Emerson, and approved by all.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. San-Lee Nature Center Project Update

Structural Steel was at San-Lee Park today, preparing to start with the Nature Center. They will grade the base pad for both the Nature Center and the workshop.

Ranger Steve Godfrey, Don Otte, and volunteers have cleaned up most of the mountain bike trails and the hiking trails, but some professional help will be needed for the larger trees to be cleared off.

Members talked of the opportunities for volunteers and scouts to be able to help around the park and on the trails, as long as it is safe. They also discussed reimbursement possibilities for some of the work being done.

B. San-Lee Park Shop

GeoTechnologies, Inc. will do borings tomorrow for septic line placements. In previous testing, borings were done to 350 feet into the catch basin. Some large boulders were found and cleared.

C. O.T. Sloan Pool Update

Sanford Aquatics Club used Sloan Pool through the first two weeks in October, but had to stop before the month was through when the water temperature dropped to 65 degrees.

John said the pool was 40 years old, opening in 1976, and had many repairs over the years.

Members discussed, in the long term, of making Sloan into a competitive pool, but keeping the Learn to Swim classes in it. They talked of general life of a pool, and the costs of replacement versus upgrades.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Request from Brush & Palette Club

Karen Tatum, president of the Brush & Palette Club, spoke to members concerning problems the club had this year with preparations for opening. In the past, the panels for hanging artwork have been stored in the bays at the Bob Hales Center. The bays were cleaned out earlier this year in preparation for a renovation project that was put on hold, and the club had to rent a nearby storage building for the panels, costing them \$100 a month. The Parks & Recreation Department had a lease of agreement with the club that was signed in 1994, with no end date.

The Brush & Palette sponsors the Art Angel program in several local schools, providing art supplies for needy children, and also helps with extra funding for supplies for teachers. The cost of renting the storage building, along with helping with funding, was cutting into any profits they made.

Ms. Tatum said she was turned down for help with the storage of the panels from different branches of the county, and of the club members, most are over 50 years old with very few men included in the group to help with moving the heavy panels. She asked to be able to use the unused storage bays at the Armory until the decision is made to complete renovations at the Bob Hales Center. This would make moving the panels for setup easier, as they would be onsite.

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to allow the Brush & Palette to reestablish storage in the bays at the Bob Hales Center per the original agreement, without help from the county in moving the panels, until a decision is made for the Armory renovations.

James Emerson seconded the motion, with a unanimous agreement from members.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports, but John Payne said a nomination committee needs to be appointed, as officers are changed or reaffirmed in January.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Matthew Storm Damage Update

John said General Services did a great job with all of the problems Matthew created.

Kiwanis Park had trees down and gravel washed away on the walking trails. General Services spread stone, reworked the trails and had the park reopened by Friday.

A tree hit the backside of the Ingram Building, pulling down power lines. Dance classes were moved to another location, and scheduled renters were canceled, as well as the Shaggers.

San-Lee Park had water flood the parking lot, many trees to come down on the bike trails and several on the walking trails. A video was posted on Facebook by Don Otte of the more than 12" of rain coming over the spillway and the flooded parking lot. Ranger Steve, Mr. Otte, staff and volunteers cleaned the walking and bike trails around the park. Some of the large trees that came down on the mountain bike trails will need professional cutters to take them out. San-Lee was closed only 3 days.

Phones and internet service, printers, scanners, and credit card readers have been down since the storm at the Tramway Road office, causing difficulty with staff's ability to work.

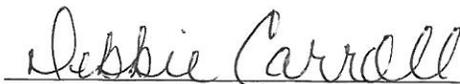
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 by Greg Crowson.

Seconded by Ed Underwood.

All were in favor


_____, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Debbie Carroll, Secretary