

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, September 22, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were Harry Stryffeler, James Emerson, Chad Spivey, Ed Underwood and Bill Oberkirsch

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

Absent members were Mark Kline, Nicole Ingram and Commissioner Ricky Frazier

Visitor was Gaynell Lee, Clerk to the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. and Chairman Harry Stryffeler asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting.

Motion made for approval by James Emerson.
Seconded by Bill Oberkirsch.
Passed unanimously.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made for approval by James Emerson, seconded by Bill Oberkirsch;
All approved.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update O.T. Sloan Park Project

John Payne was in an interlocal meeting today with city and county officials at City Hall. Item on the agenda was a feasibility study, of which John, Vic Czar, Marshall Downey and Larry Bridges formed a committee that reviewed RFQs to be able to make recommendations to the interlocal committee. The feasibility study company is predicting \$68 thousand dollars cost for the study. Feedback was positive and it will be presented to the Board of Commissioners and City Council for approval of the study.

Those involved in funds for the study will be Lee County, City of Sanford and Sanford Area Soccer League, or SASL.

Members discussed the study and the budget cycle for the Sloan project.

B. Update Horton Park Project

John Crumpton's son, who is in Scouts, is ready to begin work on the dugout roofs at Horton within the next couple of weeks, after General Services helps with post holes and locating underground utilities.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider change of sanction affiliation for youth baseball/softball

Staff has been meeting with coaches and parents to see what can be done to bolster enrollment. They have had discussions favoring the Dixie Youth League.

Members discussed the different leagues and the push for youth self-esteem.

B. Discussion of Endor Iron Furnace property

The state is not interested in managing the 428 on the Lee Co. side immediately surrounding the Endor property. The state wishes to only reserve the 80 acres immediately surrounding the furnace. The county may consider leasing the remaining acreage to make trails, disc golf and other options that are feasible.

Members had various discussions on different options that would work for the surrounding Deep River area. John spoke of a state map that shows what can be done with each piece of property that has a memorandum of agreement on it for restrictions. Members talked of the historical values of the area and the want and need to conserve as much as possible.

Harry Stryffeler wants the Endor Iron Furnace feasibility concept and management plan added to the agenda for future discussion.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harry Stryffeler wants added to next month's agenda the need for four committees:

- 1) Fees and Charges Committee
- 2) Facilities Committee
- 3) Management Planning Committee
- 4) Athletics Review Committee

Members discussed the role and function of a committee and getting feedback from the public on what they may want, such as Concert in the Park events or hosting high school cross country meets at Kiwanis. Vendor food trucks could park there to help with events.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John told board members that the Lee Co. Tennis Association will begin tonight at O.T. Sloan Tennis Courts. He said they will offer 4 free play days throughout the year. Prices for the younger age group will be \$60 and the

older age group will be \$95. The program will run Monday through Thursday for 8 weeks, and finish up November 13. They will have a free play day on November 15 for the public.

The contract with the Tennis Association has a spring and fall date for those that cannot afford the higher cost, 8 years and younger, to be able to play for \$10 or less for 4 nights.

The Association will also be responsible for upgrading equipment.

John has lined off the tennis courts at Kiwanis Childrens' Park for pickle ball. He gave a description of pickle ball and how it is played.

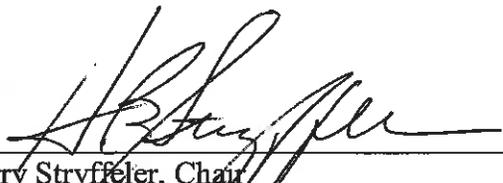
Two weekends are left for travel ball to play at Tramway Road Park fields. The fields will be aerated and overseeded by General Services and not rented out to anyone until next spring, because of heavy usage during the summer.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 6:25pm by James Emerson

Seconded by Ed Underwood

All were in favor.



Harry Stryffeler, Chair
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Debbie Carroll, Secretary