

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, January 23, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Gordon Wicker Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present: Harry Stryffeler, Mark Kline, James Emerson, Jamie Norton, newly elected Chairman Butch Saunders, Edgar Underwood, and Nicole Ingram.

Also present: John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Deborah Carroll, Secretary.

Absent members: Commissioner Ed Paschal (BOC meeting at same time as P & R meeting), Councilman Poly Cohen and Rhea Monti.

Call to order: Jamie Norton

Seconded: Ed Underwood with unanimous approval

Time: 5:30p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Election of Officers:

Mr. Kline stated his work was out of town and made it difficult to be at some meetings.

Mr. Stryffeler nominated Mr. Saunders to chair and Mr. Kline to co-chair.

Mr. Underwood seconded the nomination with unanimous decision by all.

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Horton Park

Mark Kline stated the state grant application material was down to one page using a sample form and would be emailed to Mr. Payne upon completion.

Mr. Payne said it would need to go in front of the Board of Commissioners to be put in a grant that requires matching funds.

Mr. Payne said NRPA had "Our Town" grant that could possibly be used in overall planning, but not in construction phase, with a maximum of \$25,000.

Mr. Saunders stated Mr. Crumpton, County Manager, wants one more public meeting. John Payne will contact S.L. Turner to arrange meeting with group who has ties to that park.

b. BUCHANAN PARK

Shelter now has new roof, fencing is up. Sewer line was hit during installation of lights. City of Sanford came and repaired it.

Shelter and score stand will be repainted. Bathrooms are going to be masonry.

Mr. Payne met with two Lowes Home Improvement representatives last Tuesday on site. Lowes has 130 employees and typically has 25-30 for projects to help rebuild the park. Lowes may donate stones to help build a wall behind the backstop.

Mr. Saunders asked if the ball field should be named after Lowes, but Mr. Payne said Lowes only wants a photo op, with no logo at the field.

The restroom needs to be bid. Estimated costs will be \$15-25,000. It will trench back to existing sewer lines to reduce cost.

Playground bidding has closed. A total of 8 firms were at pre-bid meet, with 4 bidding.

Bid went to a Lumberton vendor that, after visiting examples of their work at out of town elementary schools, had excellent reviews from references. The new playground will include a 10X10 shade canopy that will cover two thirds of the structure.

Projected opening date is last Saturday in April.

c. SAN-LEE PARK

Pre-bid meeting was held at San-Lee Park to bid on playground equipment.

Same vendor approved for Buchanan Park was accepted, with a not-to-exceed \$20,000 bid.

P.O. was approved this past Friday. Vendor ship date is needed.

Vendor will install equipment. Scout volunteers have asked to help with park to spread sand and mulch.

Salvaged cedar trees have been hauled in for use in building arbor.

Playground area will contain climb element, spider web, gyro, log roll, 16 foot slide, and large boulders, which have been placed at park.

Existing playground will be taken out for more parking space.

Projected completion date is prior to April 21<sup>st</sup> festival.

Harry Stryffeler questioned what the cleared upper space was for. Mr. Payne said it may be kept as an open space where vendors could park, be kept for campers, or possibly made into a beginner's bike trail. Said the big bike trail was not suitable for beginners. Steve Godfrey had to rescue 2 on the big trail over the holidays that were experienced riders.

d. O.T. SLOAN POOL

Work has progressed at pool area.

Deck area has not been poured.

Is ready to concrete.

Two hydrostats have been put in to relieve pressure.

There is a new pump, new piping, and new color coding on the new piping.

General Services is handling the contract on Sloan Pool and Horton long-term plans.

Plans include program areas, short course for meets.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Questions were asked concerning a residential contract for two lots on Bragg Street beside of O.T. Sloan Park. County owns 55 foot strip between lots back to the railroad tracks.

To build apartments, builder must get permission to access from county.

Cost for roadway to be built would be approximately \$200,000.

Mr. Payne said if roadway is built, gravel drive at tennis courts could be closed.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Establish Fees & Charges Committee

All need to review.

Recommendations were for a proposed meeting next week. Mr. Stryffeler and Mr. Kline both needed a Tuesday for the meeting. Unanimous decision was for January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Parks and Recreation office between 11-2.

Need to have committee recommendations ready to show to the Board of Commissioners and county manager at the BOC meeting in March.

Mr. Payne gave two handouts, one showing participant fee costs per hour for the programs, and the other for expenditures of other Parks and Recreation agencies within a one hour driving distance.

Mr. Kline asked for an email from Mr. Payne as a reminder concerning the 1/31 meeting.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Laser grade set to come in Tuesday, but ground is too wet from weekend.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Butch Saunders  
Seconded by: Jamie Norton with unanimous decision  
Meeting adjourned at: 6:39p.m.



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Butch Saunders, Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



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Deborah Carroll, Secretary