

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, January 25, 2016, 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, Harry Stryffeler-Chair, LeVerne Kinney, Ed Underwood, Chad Spivey, and Bill Oberkirsch.

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

Absent member was Eric Davison.

There were no guests.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:31 by Harry Stryffeler, and motion for approval of minutes made by Chad Spivey, seconded by Ed Underwood, approved by all.

Call was made for any changes to agenda.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Payne would like to add a discussion at this meeting on fees and charges to the New Business section, to be further discussed at the February meeting.

He also met with Coach Miller, baseball coach from Southern Lee High School, just before this meeting. John wants Coach Miller's requests to be added.

Motion for approval and addition to this month's agenda to be added to New Business was made by Chad Spivey, seconded by Greg Crowson, and all approved.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. San-Lee Nature Center Project

No construction documents have been received, as of yet. There will be a meeting with the architects and engineers next week. Changes have been made to the original plans to cut building costs.

Completion is still set for the spring of 2017.

B. Dog Park at O.T. Sloan Park

The park is open for business, with minor additions to be installed, such as contributor signage and benches.

The entrance area is at the Kiwanis Tennis shelter.

The feedback from the public has been all positive, even without officially being open yet.

C. Bob E. Hales Center Renovations

The architect's estimate, originally given about 15 months ago, has gone up because of construction trade increases. H.M. Kern Corporation, out of Greensboro, got the bid for renovations. John will meet with the contractor to work on trimming costs on the project.

Final preparations may be presented before the first board meeting in February to the Board of Commissioners.

D. Horton Park Renovations

The handicapped pad and walkway are poured, but the fence was partially installed on MLK Day when the office was closed, and the gate opening was put at the wrong area. John will meet later with the contractor to get the gate area put up at the walkway area.

Several people have called to make reservations for the park after seeing the new renovations.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Fees and Charges Addition

John said one of the suggestions in the feasibility study that was done last year for the sports complex, was that Parks & Recreation increase their overall fees, as they were not charging enough as reasonable market. He plans to make incremental increases overall until Lee Co. is up with surrounding counties.

Members spoke of staff training, medical support, liability issues and wage increases for part-time staff, that would be part of the need for cost increases.

B. Request for Waiver of Fee from Coach Miller

John was approached before the commission meeting by Coach Miller from Southern Lee High School to waive the field fees for a Coaches vs. Cancer tournament that will be held later in the spring.

Coach Miller also spoke of two indoor batting cages in town that are closing and would like to install a covered batting cage on the field behind the TRP office between the storage building and press box. John told him to bring him a set of plans for the structure and he will present it to members.

Motion was made by Chad Spivey to approve the waiver of fees for the tournament, seconded by LeVerne Kinney, and approved by all.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Appoint Nominating Committee for Recommendation of Officers January Meeting

Harry Stryffeler opened the floor for nomination voting.

Greg Crowson made a proposal to nominate from the floor for Chair position.

Ed Underwood seconded the motion.

All approved.

Bill Oberkirsch volunteered for the position of Chair.

James Emerson seconded the motion.

All approved.

James Emerson made the motion to close the nominations for Chair.

Ed Underwood seconded the motion.

All approved.

Chad Spivey volunteered for Vice-Chair.

Ed Underwood seconded the motion.

All approved.

James Emerson made a motion to close the floor on Vice-Chair nominations.

Ed Underwood seconded the motion, and all approved.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

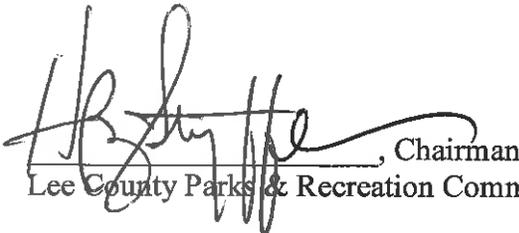
None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm by Bill Oberkirsch

Seconded by LeVerne Kinney

All were in favor


_____, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Debbie Carroll, Secretary