

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, February 22, 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, Ed Underwood, LeVerne Kinney, James Emerson, and Harry Stryffeler, who arrived after the meeting started. .

Alternate members Chad Spivey and Liz Kovasckitz were also present.

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

Absent member was Eric Davison.

There were no guest speakers.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:33 by James Emerson and motion for approval of minutes made by Ed Underwood, seconded by LeVerne Kinney, and approved by all.

Call made for any changes to agenda.

**II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Payne told members he discovered there was an improper appointment with Chad Spivey voted in as Vice-Chair at the last meeting, as he is an alternate. He asked for corrective action to be added under New Business.

John also asked for the renewal of the gymnastics lease to be added to the New Business section.

Mr. Stryffeler arrived at 5:36 and took over chairing the board.

Motion for approval of additions to the agenda by James Emerson.

Seconded by Chad Spivey

Approved by all.

### **III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)**

None.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. San-Lee Nature Center Project**

Getting close to final construction documents, with about two weeks before advertising for bidding on final documents.

John said looking forward, occupancy will be spring of 2017.

Members discussed contract pricing, the septic system, and the difference in construction from a few years ago with the recession.

#### **B. Dog Park at O.T. Sloan Park**

Benches are installed, the bulletin board has been put in, and people are using the park.

Donor signage has not been installed yet, but park rules signs are installed.

#### **C. Bob E. Hales Center Renovations**

Cost estimate was done about one and a half years ago, so the cost to renovate has increased by 30% over budget, so everything is on hold.

Members discussed costs for the renovations and who will provide staff for the times used.

#### **D. Horton Park Renovations**

Members talked about what to do with the pool at Horton, whether to fill it in with sand or use it. Several of the board had gone by the park and spoke of how good it looked.

General Services will fine tune the landscape around the building to keep runoff from rotting around the sides. When moved for the landscaping, the grill may be moved from front to back or a new one installed. A split rail fence will also be installed to keep cars off of the park area.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Consider Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Entry level fees will increase by \$5.00, and more advanced programs will go up \$10.00 or more.

Part time salaries will also be increased, especially pool staff.

John told members about the non-resident fee that park staff had discussed at their meeting. If a \$40.00 flat rate were applied to out of county people that enroll their children in multiple programs throughout the year, the person would not have to pay a non-county fee for each program. Some families have several children to enroll, and will do so in gymnastics, swim programs, ball games, and so on, because their home county does not offer programs for their children.

A motion was made by LeVerne Kinney to allow the director to create a non-resident annual fee suggested at a rate determined by the director, based on what the typical resident household contributes to Parks & Recreation cost.

Motion was seconded by Greg Crowson, and approved by all.

A motion to approve schedule of fees as amended with the increases, plus the amendment just made for non-resident fees was made by Greg Crowson, seconded by LeVerne Kinney. Approval was unanimous.

#### Gymnastics Lease

The property owner asked for a 3% increase, which amounts to \$1080.00 increase over the course of a year.

Motion was made to approve the gymnastics lease as described by Greg Crowson, seconded by Ed Underwood, and all approved.

John said it would be presented to the Board of Commissioners at their next agenda meeting.

#### B. Corrective Action to Nominate New Vice-Chair

Based on the discussion rendered to the board at the last meeting, an improper appointment was made for vice-chair.

Motion was made to recind the motion for nomination in January for appointment of vice-chair by Ed Underwood and seconded by LeVerne Kinney. Motion was unanimous.

Chair opened the floor for a new nomination of the position of vice-chair.

LeVerne Kinney volunteered for the position without opposition, Greg Crowson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

We had almost 500 kids enrolled for basketball and 6 adult basketball teams.

Getting more requests for rentals than we have space to accommodate them, especially the Ingram building.

Armory floor will be refinished the first week in April.

Jaime is registering for Intersession and camps.

Having a good turnout for current registration for baseball, softball and T-Ball.

Harry talked with members of a new wrestling club he was hoping to form for the middle schools in conjunction with Parks & Recreation. He

emphasized the importance of kids starting young and staying with a program to develop.

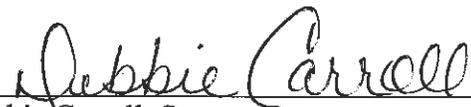
**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:13 pm by Ed Underwood.

Seconded by LeVerne Kinney

All were in favor

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

  
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Debbie Carroll, Secretary