

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, March 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were: James Emerson, Chairman Butch Saunders, Edgar Underwood, Co-Chair Mark Kline, Commissioner Ricky Frazier and Councilman Poly Cohen.

Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director, Deborah Carroll, Secretary and Lora Kelley

Absent members were: Harry Stryffeler, Nicole Ingram, Rhea Monti, and Eric Davidson

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm and motion for approval by Mark Kline
Seconded by James Emerson
All were in favor

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horton Park Plans Update

Dave Gipe emailed Mr. Payne and said it would be another couple of weeks before he completes his estimations on Horton Park renovation scenarios. Mr. Payne is working on the cost for supplies for a 10 foot wide walking path around Horton ball field. He also is working with the Health Dept. on supplies and materials for a play area for the children at Horton and replacing some of the benches on the Greenway Trail.

Commissioner Frazier spoke to members concerning renovations needed on the restrooms and the concession area. He said he would like to see all of the current parks get some uplift maintenance done on them.

Members talked about regulations for park fencing, pools, San-Lee Park fences and trails, and utilization of money that can or cannot be used for park maintenance.

B. Dog Park Project Update

Staff and volunteers continue to work on the funding of the park, with \$2900 in donations since last month. Other locations are being researched within the county to build the dog park.

Members talked about the brochures that are out around the county and responsible pet ownership.

C. Fees & Charges Recommendations

Mr. Payne spoke to members concerning outside organizations renting Tramway Road Park for baseball/softball tournaments. When staff has to put up the organization's temporary fence before tournaments, the job takes 3 men about one hour to install. Mr. Payne would like to add a fee of \$50 to the tournament rental contract to pay for staff needed to do this on the weekends.

He told members of the large amount of rentals for birthday parties at the Armory (Bob Hales Center) on Saturdays and Sundays, and the amount of time it takes for set up and take down in the rooms the parties are held in. He has requested a fee of \$25 in addition to the rental time of \$20 per hour.

D. 2013-2014 Budget Request Recommendations

The budget requests and adjusted revenues were distributed and discussed. A large amount of revenue comes from the gymnastics program. It brought in \$133,000 this year, with 610 enrolled this session and 50 turned away because of lack of room for them. Additional temporary employees have had to be added this year because of the huge increase in students.

Mr. Payne discussed with members the 7.8% increase request in temporary salaries, 1.7% COLA raise for permanent employees, group insurance at a rate of \$6700 per employee for 10 permanent employees, training session meetings, state conferences, athletic supplies, and other cost matters. There is a request in for \$170,000 for facility development through capital outlay.

At 6:05 pm, Co-chairman Mark Kline made a motion to accept the proposed fee changes increase. Mr. Underwood seconded the motion, all agreed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Payne talked of the State budget being reduced and the possibility of reduced funding for the Parks. Commissioner Ricky Frazier said Mr. Payne was doing a good job with the budget and staff that he had.

Mr. Payne discussed with members a Parks & Recreation trust fund that concerns real property title transfers at the state level that helps with purchasing land, and developing parks. The land purchases and

development for the parks bring in revenue to the county in the form of people eating out, staying in motels, and shopping in Sanford when the parks have 5K runs, bike marathons and other events.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

San-Lee Park boat docks will open April 6th and people going to the park will increase for the summer season. Don Otte has worked on the mountain bike trail over the past year for the bike riders.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mark Kline made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm

Motion was seconded by James Emerson

All were in favor



Mark Kline, Co-Chairman
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Deborah Carroll, Secretary