

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, July 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were James Emerson, Chad Spivey, Edgar Underwood, Bill Oberkirsch, Commissioner Ricky Frazier, and Greg Crowson.

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

Absent members were Eric Davidson, Harry Stryffeler, and LeVerne Kinney.

Guests were Kristen Hess and Gaynell Lee, Clerk to the Board.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by James Emerson. John introduced new board member, Greg Crowson, to other members.

II. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Gaynell Lee administered the oath to new board member, Greg Crowson, before the meeting was called to order.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Call was made for time for all to look over the previous month's minutes for approval.

Chad Spivey made a motion for approval of the minutes.
Motion was seconded by Bill Oberskirsch.
All approved.

IV. ADDITIONS AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.
Bill Oberkirsch made the motion for approval of this month's agenda.
Motion was seconded by Chad Spivey.
All approved.

V. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Architect's Presentation San-Lee Park Project

John presented Kristen Hess to board members. Kristen is with HH Architecture, from Raleigh, NC, whose business is working on designing the new Nature Center for San-Lee Park.

After presenting members with handouts, Ms. Hess went over details with the rebuilding of the Nature Center, explaining other work HH Architecture has done in the past and what they would like to do at the park, explained by the handouts. Kristen told members that John has hired a geotechnical firm to bore test a couple of sites because of the underground rock outcroppings. She said too much rock would cause excessive blasting, so the center will be built on the least expensive site after the tests.

Members asked Ms. Hess about construction, parking, safety issues, window grades for the new building, square footage, and the wraparound porch, among other questions presented to Ms. Hess. Mr. Underwood suggested composite floorboard material for durability.

John spoke of access for safety personnel and first responders, and the cost quotes from a forester to cut trees in the spring, and select cut in the fall.

B. O.T. Sloan Park Feasibility Study

The Brailsford and Dunlavey Feasibility study suggested there was not enough room at O.T. Sloan Park to build the size multicomplex that is wanted. The park currently sits on about 42 acres, and over 100 acres is needed for the new complex. Members discussed different areas with the acreage for sale and options around the current park, to be able to move forward with the multicomplex. They also discussed the current condition of the tennis courts.

C. Bob E. Hales Center Renovations

John spoke about the architectural firm, with Tim Sherman, planning renovations at the Bob E. Hales Center, or old Armory. He said approximately \$165,000 is needed for the plans. Currently, what is stored in the bay area is being relocated. He talked with members of the plans having some of the bay doors bricked up and some made into a storefront entrance, creating about 1600 square feet of open area. There will be new parking added on First St. side. John is working with City of Sanford commissioner, Byron Buckels, on the project, along with the hopes of keeping young adults off of the streets in the late hours of the weekends.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None from John.

Mr. Frazier spoke concerning Horton Park, emphasizing that he would like to see renovations begin as soon as possible since funding is now available. He said much of public opinion is for a splash pad. Members talked about the mechanics of a pad and getting kids active.

John said his cost estimates are a couple of years old, for upgrades to the bath house, and running water and electricity.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve has been busy at San-Lee cutting up trees from the last few storms. John hired Phil Stone, a tree cutter, to come in to help Steve, as there were so many trees down blocking trails.

John talked of a new air conditioning system needed at the Ingram Building with a cost estimate of \$6000.

Top Gun used Tramway Road Park fields for girls' softball this past weekend, and USSSA baseball the weekend before that. They have rented the Tramway Road Park fields over the last few weekends.

Cameras have been installed at O.T. Sloan, to be able to see near the entrance of who is coming and going. John has reduced the number of officers needed for security down to one. The officer's presence has helped deter any misbehavior, such as what happened on opening weekend for the summer.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 6:20 pm by Ricky Frazier.

Seconded by Ed Underwood.

All approved.

 Chairman
Lee Co. Parks & Recreation Commission


Debbie Carroll, Secretary