

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, April 28, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were Mark Kline, Chair, Edgar Underwood, James Emerson, Chad Spivey, Cameron Sharpe, and Commissioner Ricky Frazier.

Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director and Debbie Carroll, Secretary.

Absent members were Nicole Ingram, Eric Davidson and Harry Stryffeler.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm and motion for approval of minutes by Mark Kline.

Seconded by James Emerson.

Approved by all.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No additions to agenda.

Motion for approval of agenda by Mark Kline.

Seconded by Ricky Frazier.

Approved by all.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider request for baseball Field Use 2015

John Payne talked with someone that expressed an interest in forming a collegiate league in the O.T. Sloan project area.

Mr. Stryffeler arrived during the discussion.

Members continued to discuss how the gentleman's ideas and the proposed sport complex would collaborate with plans already drawn up and discussed at previous meetings. CCCC would also be involved with the usage of the fields with a shared time. All members were agreeable to the concept.

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to establish a working group with the Parks Commission directed input for the Board of Commissioners to approve.

Cameron Sharpe seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Members continued to discuss the benefits to the community that the shared ball field could be for restaurants and hotels.

B. Consider Joint Feasibility Study City/County Sport Complex

John Payne and Commissioner Frazier attended a joint meeting with the City of Sanford and the County last Monday. The City expressed the desire to move forward with the project. Some of the bonds that have been approved could go towards improvements of the entire area, including CCCC and the Civic Center, with added improvements towards Clearwater Drive and area roads.

Members continued to discuss the benefits of the complex and surrounding community it could build. Mr. Frazier told members highlights of the discussion in the city/county meeting. He thinks the sports complex and its benefits will do well for the city and county in the future. Mr. Payne said the biggest portion was to commit county funding on a sharing basis with the city to pay the Johnson Consulting firm to do a feasibility study. Estimated cost for the study would be \$54,000, with \$5000 already included as extra fees for unforeseen circumstances.

Members talked of the possibilities that the complex development would include, such as gymnastics, dance, basketball, tennis and wrestling.

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to move forward with the feasibility study for the sports complex.

James Emerson seconded the motion, with approval by all.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Payne spoke with the commission about PlayDaze at San-Lee Park last Thursday, which was sponsored by Coalition for Families and Partnership for Children. The event included over 300 children, staff, volunteers and in-training child care students from CCCC.

Over 500 kids are registered in gymnastics and 105 currently registered for tennis that starts tonight. There were 50 on the Southern Lee field this past Saturday for Track and Field opening, with a total of about 100 registered.

Two staff members will finish up their classroom portion of Environmental Education certification this week. All that will be left will be their projects of a kiosk for waterfowl feeders at San-Lee Park and a self-guided tour of the Muir Trail.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:12pm by Harry Stryffeler

Seconded by Mark Kline

All in favor



Mark Kline, Chairman
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Debbie Carroll, Secretary