

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, July 22, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were Chairman Mark Kline, Harry Stryffeler, James Emerson, Ed Underwood, Councilman Poly Cohen, and Cameron Sharpe.

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

Absent members were Nicole Ingram, Rhea Monti, Eric Davidson, and Commissioner Ricky Frazier.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm and motion for approval by Mark Kline, seconded by Ed Underwood, with approval by all.

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Payne introduced Cameron Sharpe to the Board, and members to Mr. Sharpe.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horton Park Plans Update

Most playground equipment has been installed except for one piece, which will be installed in October. Two handicap spaces will be framed out for parking and a fence installed around the basketball court to keep the ball within the court.

Eagle Scout candidate, Michael Crumpton, John Crumpton's son, is planning a project replacing the roofs on the dugouts.

Mr. Payne will be pricing materials for a walking path, which may be installed inside the fence to be used as a warning track and walking trail.

B. Dog Park Project Update

The Board of Commissioners agreed with moving the location of the dog park to O.T. Sloan Park but not to fund the project. Preliminary cost estimates are \$25,000, with \$5000 in donations collected.

A doggy day is planned for September 7th at O.T. Sloan Park, with events for the public to bring their dogs to, such as retrieving from the pool.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Youth Team Tennis Program

Mr. Payne said Nickelodeon and youthtennis.com are promoting September as tennis play dates. Mary Tatum, retired Lee Co. coach, would like to take charge on a volunteer basis and have a free play day/clinic at O.T. Sloan Tennis Shelter on September 14th.

B. LCPRC membership

Spotty attendance was discussed, with one member that has never attended the meetings. Chairman Mark Kline spoke of replacing member Rhea Monti, move Cameron Sharpe to a permanent position and looking for two alternates. Members spoke of the need for ex-officio members, such as Councilman Poly Cohen and Commissioners Ricky Frazier and Kirk Smith, to be able to vote at Parks & Recreation meetings.

At 5:50pm Harry Stryffeler made a motion to present to the Board of Commissioners a recommendation to remove Rhea Monti from the Parks & Recreation board for non-attendance and replace her with first alternate, Cameron Sharpe. Motion was seconded by James Emerson, all were in favor.

A second motion was made immediately after, by Mr. Stryffeler to change by-laws that ex-officio Parks & Recreation Board members would have full voting privileges. Motion was seconded by Mark Kline, all were in favor.

A third motion was made at 5:54pm by Mr. Stryffeler that an ex-officio school board member be added to the Parks & Recreation Board. Motion was seconded by Mark Kline, all were in agreement. Members discussed the favorable influence adding someone from the school board would have with them, as the city, county and schools would be represented with the Parks and Recreation Board.

All motions will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at a later date.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Payne took part in Christian Provisions Health Fair held Saturday, July 20, 2013 and presented different Parks & Recreation programs to the youth and parents.

The activity report from June showed some of the influence the heavy rains had during the month, but it was still very busy. Three travel team tournaments were scheduled for the month of June.

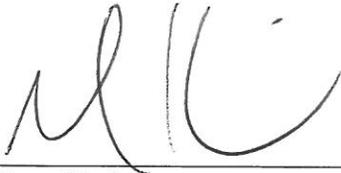
Members discussed the decline in some athletic programs. Mr. Payne has developed a community activity interest survey to find what sports youth are interested in, such as tennis, track & field and wrestling.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:12pm by Mark Kline

Seconded by James Emerson

All were in favor



Mark Kline, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Debbie Carroll, Secretary