LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, April 22, 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, Councilman Poly Cohen, Harry Stryffeler and Commissioner Kirk Smith.

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

Absent members were: 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 Chairman Butch Saunders
Seconded by Harry Stryffeler
All were in favor

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horton Park Plans Update

Mr. Payne has had no updates as of yet from Dave Gipe & Associates for Horton's improvements.
Mr. S.L. Turner, longtime activity director at Horton Park, met with Mr. Payne Monday and discussed what he thought some of the people would want at the park. He suggested a set time for programs and activities in the morning or afternoon for the community to use the facilities.
Commissioner Ricky Frazier and members spoke of the need for repair options that would be more permanent than Masonite siding. They talked of the walking trail, playground, and pool versus splash pad costs.
Members continued the discussion with the need for the neighborhood people to take ownership of the park to keep out gang activity.

Commissioner Frazier said when people take pride in something, they take ownership in it.
Members also discussed the differences in biking, mountain, jogging, hiking, strolling, etc. trails for the purpose of installing one at Horton. Mr. Emerson said he had spoken with some in the community to see what they would want. The majority wanted a playground and fencing around the basketball area to keep balls from rolling down the hill, and possibly a splash pad, since a pool will be a high cost to replace. He said he would like to see the projects built that the young people wanted so it will be used.

B. Dog Park Project Update
Plans have changed and the dog park is going to be located at O.T. Sloan Park. $4350 has been donated so far. John and commission members discussed the cost of the park and fencing. Discussion concerned the approximately 10 acres donated years ago by Temple Sloan to the county and what will be needed to bring the park up to handling the traffic flow off of Bragg St. into the different areas of the park. The cost of the park being relocated from Kiwanis to Sloan Park will be more expensive with some of the road tie-ins. Members discussed the design for the roadway and park area, and most agreed that the project moving to O.T. Sloan was the best option presented to them and the public.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Mr. Payne said our fifth tournament was just finished at Tramway Road Park. Tournaments may have to be limited there because of the turf becoming compacted from recent rains and so much playing on the fields. Friday's storms did damage to parks around the area. The soccer field netting poles were bent at Tramway Road Park and a flagpole in the center of the baseball field was snapped off, 80 feet of fencing and poles on the backside of Dalrymple #1 ballfield were pulled out of the ground when a tree fell, a tree inside of San-Lee Park smashed the cattle fence on neighboring property, a tree was down across the greenway at Kiwanis Park, and a telephone pole was down at the Bob Hales Center. Most damage is considered minor, and some has already been fixed, but the fencing at Dalrymple will be the most expensive to replace.

There were 17 teams at Tramway Road Park this weekend playing. Mr. Payne said there were 2 from Virginia. The weekend before, the girls softball tournament brought in teams from Wilmington, which booked hotel rooms here in Sanford, and ate at local restaurants.
Members spoke about how big sporting activities and recruiting is getting, and some of the money being made.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm
Motion was seconded by Butch Saunders
All were in favor

Butch Saunders, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

Deborah Carroll, Secretary