

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, August 26, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were James Emerson, Cameron Sharpe, Edgar Underwood, Harry Stryffeler, Chairman Mark Kline, Commissioner Dr. Ricky Frazier, and Commissioner Kirk Smith.

Also present were John Payne, Parks and Recreation Director, Debbie Carroll, Secretary, John Crumpton, County Manager, and Lora Kelley.

Absent members were Councilman Poly Cohen, Nicole Ingram, and Rhea Monti.

Guests who spoke were Billy Cox, Eloise Berryman, and Jennifer Edwards.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm and motion for approval of minutes by Mark Kline

Seconded by James Emerson

All approved

A moment of silence was held for Councilman Poly Cohen's family.

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider O.T. Sloan Park Access Issues

Mr. Payne spoke of curbing ingress and egress with people cutting through yards to get to the park. He introduced Billy Cox to speak to the

board. Mr. Cox presented an 8 year police report with highlighted items he thought dealt with O.T. Sloan Park.

Ms. Berryman and Ms. Edwards also spoke regarding the issue.

Commissioner Frazier asked about No Trespassing signs and Mr. Kline asked how many times per month/week offenses occur. Mr. Stryffeler asked Mr. Cox for his proposal. Mr. Cox stated that he wanted their property fenced or the park fenced. Chairman Mark Kline said it will be put on a future agenda to continue to discuss the issue. He stated that the committee would try to work with what is possible and what is capable within the Parks & Recreation's budget. Mr. Payne said he would go through the police reports and identify O.T. Sloan Park's issues.

The access issues will be discussed at a future meeting with feedback given to the guest speakers.

B. Consider Youth Representative Membership to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Mr. Payne sent out a list-serve request to Parks & Recreation State Association with questions concerning the make-up of their advisory board membership, including ex-officio members and ex-officio voting privileges. He received 9 responses saying 5 did not have privileges, 2 did, and 2 did not have ex-officio members on their board.

His other question to the Association was if they had youth members, and if those youth members had voting privileges. He received 8 responses with 5 saying they did not have youth members, 3 did with full voting privileges.

Kirk Smith spoke before the Committee about the Young Commissioners Leadership Program started this summer that consisted of 12 kids in a 2 week session. They went to all offices within the county and City of Sanford except the Parks & Recreation office. Members discussed having a youth on the Board but they did not want the youth to be able to vote. Mr. Smith said the youth representative would be put in on a yearly basis from the junior/senior classes of local high schools. Members discussed some of the pros and cons of having a youth representative and criteria they would need to meet.

Mr. Payne stated if it was approved to have a youth on the Commission, he would have that and the ex-officio voting privileges from last month's meeting presented to the Board of Commissioners on their next agenda at the same time.

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to place it on the agenda for consideration at 6:15. Mark Kline seconded the motion. All were in favor.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Payne discussed the July department report of activities. He spoke of the Dog Park plans and upgrades done at Horton Park. San-Lee Park had improvements added through Eagle Scout projects, plus projects completed through Operational Services. Improvements planned for Dalrymple Park included \$21,750 offered from Greenway Development for use of upgrades. John suggested applying for a PARTF grant in January with these funds being used as local match. Application for PARTF grant funding would be subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mark Kline at 6:25 after discussion concerning cancelling the September meeting unless there was a pressing matter. James Emerson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Payne told members he would gather information concerning the police reports at O.T. Sloan Park to have at the next meeting to be held on October 28.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

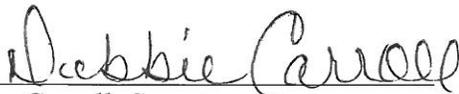
Motion to adjourn made at 6:26 by Mark Kline

Seconded by Harry Stryffeler

All were in favor



Mark Kline, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission



Debbie Carroll, Secretary