

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY JUNE 22, 2015**

**MINUTES**

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, June 22, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were Bill Oberkirsch, James Emerson, Liz Kovasckitz, Eric Davidson, and Nicole Ingram.

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

Absent members were Mark Kline, Harry Stryffeler, Chad Spivey, and Ed Underwood.

Guest was Danielle Mahoney, NCACC Master of Public Administration Program graduate fellow.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 when a quorum was present by Bill Oberkirsch, and motion for approval of minutes was made by Liz Kovasckitz.

Motion was seconded by James Emerson.

All approved.

Call made for any changes to minutes or agenda.  
No changes were called for.

**II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

John introduced Danielle Mahoney, graduate fellow provided through the N.C. Association of County Commissioners, currently working in the Administration department with Mr. Crumpton.

Motion for approval of agenda made by James Emerson.

Seconded by Nicole Ingram.

Approved by all.

### **III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)**

None

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Update O.T. Sloan Park Project**

Wednesday afternoon, city and county staff will meet with the Brailsford and Dunlavey consultants about the feasibility presentation.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month at 11:00, the SAV, or Strategic Asset Value, group will meet at the city conference room to hear the Brailsford and Dunlavey consultants' feasibility presentation.

Decisions on the Sloan complex will begin after the presentations are done. This will include how many fields, the dog park, courts, etc. John will forward an electric copy to members who want a copy of the presentation.

#### **B. Update San-Lee Park Project**

John, some staff, and a group of their families worked at San-Lee Park Saturday on the birds of prey enclosures. He said the birds were moved into their temporary cages today, away from the building. Chip Jenner, with Hawk Mountain Falconry, came in and examined the birds before and after their move to be sure they were healthy.

The old building will be knocked down starting next week. Several old bricks will be saved for some of the public that have requested one.

There will be a public input meeting on Monday, June 29, 2015 at San-Lee Park under the shelter area, 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. An ad will run in the newspaper concerning the meeting, inviting the public to come and give their comments on what they want to see at the park. The architect will also be there presenting their project for the building.

#### **C. Horton Park Update**

Horton electrical system update is estimated to run about \$1500 with a panel and outlets similar to Kiwanis, and the fire hydrant and refurbishing of existing fountains will cost about \$900.

Bathroom doors and concession door replacements will be approximately \$4000.

Members discussed the pros and cons of a pool cover, costing about \$700, versus draining the pool and filling with sand, costing near \$8000, for safety reasons, until such time as progress is made on a permanent solution.

After discussion, James Emerson made a motion to fill the pool with sand.

Liz Kovasckitz seconded the motion and all voted favoring it, to begin after the new budget.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. July Board Meeting Date Change to July 20<sup>th</sup>**

The architect and landscaper want to do a presentation for the Parks & Recreation Board, but the architect will not be available on the regular meeting date of the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Therefore, John asked the members if they could move the date to July 20, the third Monday, after next Monday night's input at San-Lee Park. Several members said they have previously scheduled events, but still wanted to move the meeting to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Liz Kovasckitz made a motion to move the regular July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to the 20<sup>th</sup>, to be held at the regular time of 5:30 pm.

Nicole Ingram seconded the motion.

All members were in favor.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Demolition began last week at San-Lee Park on the building by A-1 Salvage. They put up fencing and stripped the interior.

Birds of prey were moved today away from the building.

The storm from last Wednesday knocked over 21 trees along the trails. The bike trail had to be closed until trees can be cut up and removed. Steve has been working on their removal every day since Friday. His goal is to have them cleaned up this coming weekend.

About 30 Girl Scouts were there at the time of the storm and their tents and items were scattered everywhere.

O.T. Sloan has been open 15 days and has over 3300 people for public swim. Usually the average is 224 during the weekdays and weekends average 270. When it gets too crowded, sometimes tempers flare, which is what happened the first opening weekend. Since that weekend, there have been two security officers on hand each Saturday and Sunday. After discussion, the P & R board thinks two is too many, as there have been no other incidences. They believe the presence of an officer has calmed things down.

Nicole Ingram made a recommendation to suggest one officer for security.

James Emerson seconded the recommendation, and all were in favor.

Tramway Road Park had a tournament last weekend. The heat was oppressive.

Field #2 at TRP has been top dressed and all fields have been fertilized with Bermuda grass.

The same storm that messed up San-Lee Park ruttet the trails at Kiwanis, but General Services did a great job of fixing the trails.

General Services also helped out tremendously with fencing from Sloan and remodeled gate panels to make the bird enclosures for San-Lee Park.

Members discussed the approved budget and available funds with John.

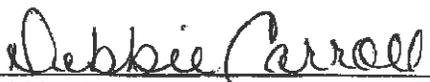
**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:12 pm by James Emerson

Motion was seconded by Nicole Ingram.

All were in favor.

William J. O'Brien, Chairman  
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

Debbie Carroll  
Debbie Carroll, Secretary