LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, September 26, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were Bill Oberkirsch, Chair, LeVerne Kinney, Vice-Chair, Greg Crowson, Edgar Underwood, Chad Spivey, and Commissioners Ricky Frazier and Kirk Smith.

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

Absent members were James Emerson, Harry Stryffeler, and Butch Saunders.

Guest speaker was Ashley Long.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Bill Oberkirsch.

Motion for approval of last month's minutes made by Ed Underwood.

Seconded by LeVerne Kinney.

All were in favor.

Call made for any changes to minutes or agenda.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John added two extra additions to go with New Business, an LLC that wants a reduced rate rental at Dalrymple, and a company in Raleigh wants to put in a well at Buchanan Park and monitor the solvent discharge for Eaton Corporation.

Approval was by Ed Underwood, seconded by LeVerne Kinney, with approval by all.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

Guest speaker Ashley Long, with the Sanford Aquatics Club, spoke to members thanking them for considering requests from the SAC. Ashley offered her help with anything needed so the county can accommodate the Squids at O.T. Sloan Pool through October.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. San-Lee Nature Center Project Update

Footings were dug the other day before the heavy rains began.

Inspection for the footings was today, and if it is dried out and inspection passed, the footers will be poured tomorrow.

John said everything was moving forward even though they were aware the structural steel is on a 30-day delay.

The building will tie into the existing septic and drain lines, which will hold down costs.

Members discussed other aspects of the construction being done at San-Lee Park.

B. San-Lee Park Shop

Bids came in with Sanford Metal Building as the lowest bidder for $46,5000, which includes a sealed concrete floor, insulation, vapor barrier, and ADA restroom.

John wants the workshop ready by Christmas for Ranger Steve. Steve and his assistant rangers have been having to work outside in the elements on equipment since the former Nature Center workshop was destroyed by the fire.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Extending Pool Season at O.T. Sloan Pool

John and Mr. Crumpton are researching the costs to heat the pool and extend the season through October. The typical season begins around Memorial Day and runs until mid-August, because of the lifeguards going back to school or college. New staff would need to be hired for an extended season. John told members a competitive pay scale is needed to attract lifeguards for Sloan. A new lifeguard has been hired to keep up maintenance on the pool until decisions can be made, while the pool is still open for the SAC and Kathy's exercise group.

John said the local newspaper misquoted the cost of running the pool per month. Their quote was $4100 per year, and John said that is close to what is needed per month.

Members discussed some of the different groups that use the pool on a seasonal and daily basis.

The county manager and Brandi Phillips will meet with Pentair at the pool Thursday to discuss what is needed to keep the pool open.

Commissioner Frazier said to hold off on a vote until there are more details from the meeting.

B. Discussion on Reduced Rate at Dalrymple Park

An LLC company, Gift Entertainment Studios, wants to rent the Ingram Building for a reduced rate on a bi-weekly rate.

Members discussed points made at last month's meeting concerning groups asking for a reduction, and not being extended to all groups asking for the same thing.

Ed Underwood made the motion to keep the same rates for everyone. Greg Crowson seconded the motion, and all unanimously agreed.

C. Well Monitoring at Buchanan

Solutions IES, from Raleigh, wants to put in a 75 foot well to monitor for runoff solvent in the aquifer from Eaton Corporation. Members voiced their concerns with the wells being so close to where children may play.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to table the discussion until the county manager has had a meeting with the group. LeVerne Kinney seconded the motion, and all agreed.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

James Salisbury was hired last week to monitor the pool chemicals at least through October.

Gymnastics registered 470 kids with calls still coming in. Cheerleading has grown, and it usually requires some gymnastics experience, plus this is an Olympic year.

Learn to Swim lessons were down this year with only 768 registered.

There are two 10U teams in football and one 12U team. They will play with teams in Harnett Co.

Volleyball registration went well, with 15 teams, and games are beginning.

Basketball and wrestling registrations are beginning.

The Brush and Palette Club will be in the Armory starting October 17-31.

On Saturday, a girls' softball tournament will be held at Tramway Road Park, with 18 teams competing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm by Commissioner Ricky Frazier.

Motion was seconded by Greg Crowson.

All were in favor

William J. Oberkin Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

Debbie Carroll
Debbie Carroll, Secretary