

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, August 27, 2012

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, August 27, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were: Edgar Underwood, Butch Saunders, Chairman, Commissioner Ed Paschal, James Emerson, Mark Kline, Nicole Ingram and Harry Stryffeler.

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

Absent members were: Poly Cohen, Rhea Monti and Eric Davidson.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm and motion for approval by Butch Saunders, seconded by Mark Kline.

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Buchanan Park Re-Construction

Volunteers from Lowes painted the bathroom and shelter with supplies purchased at cost with \$1200 grant from Lowes Local Heroes project. Bathroom floors have been sealed and 2 more trees planted. Mr. Payne has left a message with the contractor for fixtures to be installed and electricity hooked up so final inspection can be done. Opening ceremony is hopefully going to be Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 10:00am, with many county and board officials invited.

B. Horton Park Survey

Mr. Payne passed out hard copies of on-line survey for what residents want at Horton Park. John has suggested a splash park for economical reasons. Many have said they would like a walking trail put in the 9 acre area which Mr. Stryffeler said would necessitate the installation of

security lights. Mr. Payne said he would get operating figures to the board of the expense for the security lights. Other main ideas residents would like to see from the survey was the opening of the pool, tennis, games on the field and the basketball court refinished and painted.

Mr. Payne passed out hard copies of the survey to board members for them to give to the community.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Payne has been meeting with a hospitality group and hotels, downtown Sanford group and CCCC officials that are forming a tourism bureau, working to get people to come into Sanford for the weekends, staying at local hotels and enjoying some of Sanford's amenities. About 75 mountain bike riders are expected at San-Lee Park on September 15 and 4 USSSA baseball tournaments are scheduled for the months of September and October at Tramway Road Park. John gave contact information to the hotels to have some deals for the groups staying in town on those occasions. Mr. Stryffeler suggested a cross country meet running a 5K or 10k race, making it an annual event. He said open league members have said they would like to run the mountain bike trail. Members spoke of possibly making a cross country trail around the perimeter of the old airport on Tramway Rd.

Mr. Payne spoke of one of our 12 T-Ball teams that James Emerson coaches that was played at Liberty Commons. The game made the front page of the Sanford Herald and John said the residents there and public had many positive comments about it.

John said the swim lesson enrollment this summer was 863. He praised the good job the pool staff had done, telling members about another save done over the weekend in one of the pools at Sloan.

Volleyball, baseball and football registrations have had many enrollments with many of them already starting practice.

Happy Day Campers had 95 campers at San-Lee this year and Tiny Tots and Dance enrollment are filled. The younger age group with dance has a long wait list. Gymnastics had a tremendous enrollment the first day with \$11,000 taken in. John contributes the large enrollment to this being an Olympic year.

Mr. Emerson put in a request for a mesh net backstop on field #1 to block off the sun shining in the batter's, catcher's and umpire's eyes during girls' softball practice and games.

Mr. Saunders had a request to put up a sign at the gymnastics building at the island to help with the parking issues.

Mr. Payne talked about the 7 weeks of Outdoor Education summer camp programs held at San-Lee this summer, with 221 campers. He also spoke of the Lowes' volunteer project at Buchanan Park and the many Scout projects going on at San-Lee Park where they have worked on the trails and bridges. He told board members about 20 Christian Provision volunteers raking different areas of the Kiwanis Park on August 11th, wire brushing the grills and making the park look neater after the recent summer storms. He said Southern Lee High School Booster Club is providing the materials and labor to build a backstop at the high school baseball field. He said Coach Miller of Southern Lee provided a sod cutter that will cut down on mowing angles on the ball fields at Tramway Road Park. The fenced area was trimmed out and the sod was used to fill in bare areas.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:14p.m. by Butch Saunders

Seconded by Mark Kline

All were in favor



Butch Saunders, Chairman
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Debbie Carroll, Secretary