LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 24, 2012

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, September 24, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Members present were: James Emerson, Butch Saunders, Harry Stryffeler, Nicole Ingram, Mark Kline, Edgar Underwood, Eric Davidson, and Councilman Poly Cohen (ex-officio/non-voting)

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

Absent members were: Rhea Monti and Commissioner Ed Paschal

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:31 and motion for approval by Butch Saunders, approved by James Emerson
Seconded by: Harry Stryffeler

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Introduction to welcome first alternate to the Parks & Recreation Commission, Eric Davidson.
Mr. Davidson is the athletic director at Lee Christian.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Buchanan Park

Buchanan Park is open for business with the first shelter reservation scheduled for October 7th after the opening dedication was held Saturday, September 22nd. Mr. Emerson spoke of how good the renovated park looks with a larger field and dugouts, and praised John Payne for all of his hard work with getting it back in order after the tornado.

B. Horton Park

John is still working on getting hard copies of the Horton Park survey back from the public and has received a few on-line copies of it.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Staff took a trip to City Park in Burlington and are working on the specifics of a proposed dog park at one of our existing parks, which would be tentatively located at the Kiwanis Park. Members discussed the cost for adding this which would involve fencing, benches and installation of a water line. Also discussed were liability issues and the need for signage. He said the county GIS department is working on a map for the project. Mr. Stryffeler made a motion to proceed with the park plans for consideration.

Mr. Saunders seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Cohen reported that a skate park will be built at the Third Street park area, across from East Sanford Baptist Church. General discussion was it may be a good spot for a future dog park.

Discussion followed in regards to Horton Park and installation of a walking trail around the perimeter of the ball field and safety concerns.

Mr. Kline suggested working up a short form estimate on a walking trail within a safe area, with a dawn to dusk and full time estimate, so the committee would have something to go forward with on the costs.

Mr. Payne reported 25 teams with USSSA played at Tramway Road Park all weekend this past week, bringing in about $1600 in fees.

NCSU Club hosted the Regional Mountain Bike Race at San-Lee Park with only one accident.

Flag and tackle football started up this weekend, and we had the dedication ceremony for Buchanan Park

Members had a general discussion concerning concussions, what to look for, and new laws and state mandates for schools concerning sports concussions, helmet ages, athletic trainers and safety equipment.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:34pm by Harry Stryffeler
Seconded by Nicole Ingram
All in favor

Butch Saunders

Butch Saunders, Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission

Debbie Carroll

Debbie Carroll, Secretary