

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016

MINUTES

The Lee County Parks and Recreation Commission met Monday, August 22, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

Members present were Chad Spivey, Bill Oberkirsch, Chair, James Emerson LeVerne Kinney, Co-Chair, Harry Stryffeler, and Edgar Underwood.

First alternate Butch Saunders was present but had not been sworn in yet.

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

Absent member was Greg Crowson.

Guest speaker was Charlie Storm, with Storm Endurance.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm and motion was made for approval of both May and June's minutes by Harry Stryffeler, both seconded by Ed Underwood, with approval by all.

Call made for any changes to minutes or agenda.

II. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John added guest speaker Charlie Storm to the agenda as "B", and information on Cycle NC as "C", both under New Business.

Motion for approval for changes to the agenda by Harry Stryffeler.

Seconded by James Emerson.

Approved by all.

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (public comment)

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. San-Lee Nature Center Project Update

Had the groundbreaking ceremony this morning. Three commissioners, the sheriff, city councilman, HH Architects, and the contractors were all there for the event. The contractors began two weeks ago with the

groundwork at the park, clear cutting trees, putting up silt fence, grading, etc.

The structural steel for the building is on a month's delay with the manufacturer being behind.

This past Friday, the two buildings were moved out of the construction zone.

A 6 foot access path has been cleared from the road to the RV campsite in case of emergencies. The RV campsite no longer is there. Grading contractor took down about 10-12 large trees and several small trees and charged a very small amount.

B. San-Lee Park Shop

There will be a second pre-bid meeting tomorrow morning for the workshop.

The workshop is 24X36. It will tie into the existing access road, and existing septic lines.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider ordinance and policy review

John talked with members concerning the need for a clearer wording and guidance on the current policy on who is eligible for a reduction on fees, such as the elderly or financially or disability challenged, special interest groups, non-profits, scholarship eligible, 5K and 10K groups, and the many other groups that call, wanting a discount or free for rentals or one of the programs.

Members discussed the need to consult with the Board of Commissioners on a broad blanket plan for any exceptions to the current price ranges, but also want the director to have power for individual decisions on helping children.

B. Cycle Cross

Guest speaker, Charlie Storm, spoke with members about Cycle Cross, an informal bike club, that held a cross country race in 2000 at O.T. Sloan Park, and would like to have another one this year. He said it would be a 1 ½ mile taped off course near the picnic area of Sloan, with low traffic impact. He may need to set up the day before the event and may stay there overnight, with permission, to be sure everything was ready for the next morning, and to discourage vandalism to the course.

Harry Stryffeler made a motion to allow for the support of the Cycle Cross event to be held October 2, 2016 and possibly annually, Chad seconded the motion and all members were in agreement.

C. Cycle NC

John said a request has been made to him for the Cycle NC bike riders, a group of 600-800 bike riders that travel from Banner Elk to Carolina Beach totaling about 750 miles in one week, to be allowed to stop at O.T.

Sloan Park at no charge, to rest, camp out overnight in tents and the Boys and Girls Club floor, regroup, and continue on to the Carolina coast. Their support team will come in first on October 5th and the group will stay through the 6th. Downtown Sanford and SAGA will arrange for shuttles for the group for eating and shopping.

James Emerson made a motion to allow the group the use of the park at no charge.

LeVern Kinney seconded the motion, and all were in agreement.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gymnastics registrations will begin this week. There should be high numbers, with this being an Olympic year.

A couple of employees have had health issues that may cause the restriction of some of the gymnastics and art classes.

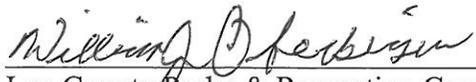
Football has only two teams, and may need to be dropped, as so many outside football groups have opened for youth.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm by Ed Underwood.

Seconded by Harry Stryffeler

All were in favor


Chairman
Lee County Parks & Recreation Commission


Debbie Carroll, Secretary