

## Minutes for Parks and Recreation Commission 11/17/20

In attendance: Jared Mull, Mandi Bentley, Dan Hein, Wayne Rundell, Greg Cochran, Wyn Birkenthal, and Cody Owen

- 1) Dan Hein: welcome and call to order 6:05 p.m.
- 2) Approval of October minutes: Wayne made a motion, Cody 2<sup>nd</sup> and all other members we in favor.
- 3) No public comment was given
- 4) Old business: (Jared Mull)
  - a. Pickleball court update: We have heard from the company and they wanted to test the concrete. To do this, you must bore through the concrete, and this is not a process that will happen at this time. The county sent an email a couple weeks back to the company stating that they need to rip up all the surfacing and put it back down according to specs. We are currently waiting to hear back from them. **Member comments: Wyn:** lines were put in to check water under the court. Has that produced any issues? **Jared:** no. If the company comes back with a yes from the email, the project will most likely not begin until spring. **Wyn:** Were there any drainage issues in this area of the property before the concrete was poured? **Jared:** no. Jared will keep the commission up to date on information as is becomes available.
  - b. Masterplan update: If the commission is going to vote on this, it needs to happen at the meeting and not through email, per Jaime Laughter. The grant that Jared applied for is no longer an option as the company ran out of funding. The following are options to consider for voting:
    - i. Option 1: Make a motion to have commissioners approve the current contract based on what is in the contract without the topographic survey and wetland investigation.
    - ii. Option 2: Jared can reach out to the second company on a different proposal.
    - iii. Option 3: Ask the county commissioners to approve additional funding that would allow the project to include wetland investigation and topographic survey.

Discussion: **Cody:** need to get stream bank credits. **Jared:** This topic would likely be on the agenda for county commissioners in December. **Dan:** The county already purchased the property. It makes sense to take the next step in planning correctly. **Wyn:** In relation to the topographic survey, he originally thought that it would be necessary but now thinks that between the GIS and the contractors, it should be fine to proceed with the process. **Jared:** Regarding stream bank restoration, Tori with Conserving Carolina may have some funding available but that would be determined at the completion of the masterplan.

Motion: Cody made a motion to approve option 1, Wyn 2<sup>nd</sup> and all other members were in favor.

5) New business

a. Recreation update: (Mandi Bentley)

**Fall camp** – Continuing through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Currently no word on what the school system is doing in January. We are currently running the following programs: Indoor Fun Play, Youth Dodgeball, Youth Kickball, Youth Wiffleball, and Youth Volleyball skills. Silvermont: programs are open 10 max capacity.

Upcoming programs: **Let's talk turkey:** craft, story, music, and snack time pre-k. **Fun with Frosty and the Grinch:** craft, story, music, and snack time pre-k. **Youth basketball:** 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Skills and drills each week to teach and improve game. On the last night, kids will participate in a free throw competition, obstacle course, and hot shot competition. Medals will be awarded to first place in each category as well as the most improved participant. Parents will not be allowed in the building at this time. Program begins the first full week of January and is a 6-week program. 5 weeks for 3-5 year old.

b. Director update: (Jared Mull) This will be the last meeting of 2020. Thank you to the commission for all your hard work over the last year. The following is a year in review of accomplishments.

- The recreation department restrooms have showers
- Pickleball court construction
- New fitness course: This is the first facility in our county that is named after someone.
- Chose consultant for the new park
- Lin Kolb memorial benches

6) Member comments:

a. Dan: Some communities can be stuck in a rut. What we have been able to accomplish has been progressive and a lot has transpired. Thanks to Jared and staff for their hard work moving everything forward. It feels good to be a part of this team. I am also grateful for the team effort and partnerships that were made during the construction of the fitness course for the benefit of the community.

b. Wyn: For most communities in this country, due to COVID-19, tax revenues have not been up to par this year. Is this department experiencing any budget cuts because of this? Jared: Spoke with financial director earlier this year and our county is on track with other years, so no. Jared is being very creative with programming and making sure we are meeting the needs of the community while being mindful of spending.

7) Adjournment: Cody made a motion; Greg 2<sup>nd</sup> and all members were in favor. 6:47 p.m.