

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - 20 March 2018

Members Present:

- Danny Hein – Chair
- Coty Ferguson – Secretary
- Cody Owens
- Heather Layton
- Greg Copeland
- Jonathan Griffin – Parks and Recreation Director
- Jared Mull – Recreation Coordinator

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 1808

Tour of Silvermont: 1810-1840, all members

Old Business

Master Planning Process:

- Two bids are in (Cloos Landscaping and Site Works) for landscaping but have remained sealed and deadline was extended to 1700 on 20 March 2018.
- County plan is to hold several meetings with various stakeholder groups to determine what users feel is needed, those plans will allow this commission to provide good inputs into the master planning process.

Pickleball Options:

- There is not a public pickleball court in the county. Currently a portion of the Rec. Center has been roped off for 4 hours per week to allow for pickleball play. The Parks and Rec. Department is looking at locations for pickleball courts.
 - Pricing for the various options are due out next meeting.
- The pickleball group has 70 active players and routinely sees 35 players at a time.

Rosman Summer Camp:

- Camps will be hosted at Rosman Elementary
- Parks and Rec. Dept. will work with the schools to identify youth from outlying parts of the county that might benefit from a free summer camp. Any remaining slots will be made available county wide.

New Business

Recreation Update:

- BBQ Fundraiser supporting the Senior Games is 22 March 2018.
- Space still available for golf tournament benefiting Transylvania Youth Council.
- Summer camp enrollments are looking good.

- Basketball league filled up in only 8 days!

City Update:

- Pedestrian bridge has been funded for NC 276 near Dolly's
- Applied for grant to acquire property near the old depot site
- Depot reconstruction funds are coming in, and the Mayor's intent is to have it built by the end of the year
- There are plans to build a dog park near the hospital, with construction anticipated for July
- The city has realized efficiencies since merging the Public Works and Parks Departments
- Rosenwald Community Center group had its first meeting

Director Update:

- County Commissioners approved a restructuring of the Parks and Recreation Department

Member Comments:

- Cody Owen and Coty Ferguson raised concerns over changes being made to the Parks and Recreation Department discussed by county staff and commissioners without coming through the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- C. Ferguson expressed that the County Commissioners need to explicitly state what it is that they need from the commission as an advisory board to best serve them.

Adjournment: Meeting closed at 1935