

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – 17 April 2018

Members Present:

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

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 1803

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for February and March were unanimously approved at 1805

Old Business

Silvermont Master Planning:

- Public input sessions tentatively planned for 14-18 May 2018
 - The plan is to hold multiple input sessions; indoor regular user groups, outdoor regular user groups, and the general public
- Discussion ensued on whether basketball and tennis should be relocated to another park. No decisions were made, and the committee looks forward to working with Site Works Studios on future planning

New Business

County Bike Plan:

- Mark Burrows provided an update on the county-wide cycling master plan
- County received a grant from the DOT with matching funds from the Transylvania County and a local cycling non-profit
- Stakeholder and community input sessions will occur over the next 6 months
- The goal is to have a draft plan ready for the county commissioners no later than November

Bylaws Discussion:

- Commission discussed how to conduct the minutes moving forward, whether that be a staff member or continue to be a committee member
 - The committee unanimously voted to have the parks and recreation department maintain the minutes
 - The committee also instructed the director to produce a proposed bylaw text amendment that would eliminate the position of secretary
- The commission discussed how best curb absenteeism from meetings

Silvermont Tennis Courts:

- Looking at ways to accommodate pickleball users; the pickleball group has been vocal in their call that the county turn over one of the three tennis courts at Silvermont for pickleball use
- Silvermont tennis court usage, looking only at reservations, averages over 50% usage
- Lighting has been found to be completely inoperable and need to be replaced, as opposed to needing new bulbs as was previous believed

Recreation Update:

- Spring Break Camp had 24 participants and received great feedback
- Silver Games arts display will begin this week at the Rec. Center
- The Silver Games begin Friday
- Rosman Summer Camps will be held at Rosman Elementary, the County Commissioners have approved funding

City Update:

- City Council voted to pursue a PARDIF grant on 20180416
- The city is pursuing easements to extend the bike path from McClean Rd to Rosman Hwy
- The Mary C. Jenkins board has voted to allow the city to demolish the existing Rosenwald Community Center and construct a new community center on the grounds

Director Update:

- Parks and Recreation Director job posting should go live next week
- Survey responses are now at 50+
- WCCA has requested approximately \$100k as part of the non-profit funding cycle
 - They have stated that they will cease senior center operations June 30, 2018 if they do not receive funding; previous funding request have been \$25k
 - Another option would be to allow WCCA to end operations and have the county staff the Silvermont full-time and take over the senior center

Member Comments:

- Bob mentioned that some of the Silvermont outdoor lights are out, presenting a safety concern

Adjournment: Meeting closed at 1947