

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – 16 June 2020

Members Present:

- Wayne Rundell – Vice-Chair
- Greg Cochran
- Cody Owen
- Bob Hurring
- Danny Hein -- Chair
- Jared Mull – Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the February 2020 meeting and approved them unanimously.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments at this time.

Old Business

- Park Projects:
 - **Fitness Course:** The old playground is no more. The county's maintenance team removed the old playground and a contractor has begun the draining work and should be completed by early next week depending on the weather. On the backside closer to the soccer fields, there was a ditch that held water. There is a pipe that will run to the trout stream that goes along the drive which will allow the water to move so that it is not standing. The actual playground company is scheduled to start its construction on July 13th. Their timeline is approximately one month which includes the equipment and turf. What is left is the concrete work for the handicap accessible parking spot and path. The end of August to early September is looking like a possible completion date. It was deemed by the county and Barrs Recreation that the course needed drainage improvements and this cost was presented and approved by County Commissioners.
 - **Pickleball Courts:** The fence has been implemented and some of the concrete has been grinded. After more research, a plastic pickleball with a plastic court was not a great option. A cushion top was decided upon and not many places have this option as it can be more expensive, but is a great option. Next steps will include resealing some of the joints, sanding it, and completing some of the surfacings. A divider net will be put in place to ensure balls will not be going into other courts. There will be two gates and also portable nets so that space can be multipurpose. Landscaping around the courts is in the plan as well as handrails for the walkway. Weather permitting, this project could be completed within a month. Jared is hopeful quarterly tournaments will be held here for potential revenue.

- **New Park:** Maintenance created an eight-foot path for the old Pickelseimer property. The area lines the French Broad River and is a nice walking path. They have mowed the entire strip from Sugarloaf and the entire outline of the property. It is not something being advertised at this point as there aren't restroom facilities, but as part of the grant, it requires community recreation access which has already been met essentially. The hangar is now being used for storage for the county. Jared has been in communication with Brevard High School's Cross Country Coach to potentially use the existing path as training for the team or to even host a race.

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Recreation Update

- **Essential Employee Camp:** We have had to shut down all of the programs and rentals for both the Recreation Department and Silvermont. The camp was held for county staff, city staff, any healthcare worker's kids. Camp numbers varied, but was a free service and ended this past week.
- **Summer Camps:** This past week summer camps have started. Last week was the Pre-K camp and was half full. The Boys and Girls Club decided to not take nearly as many kids as they typically do. We always have our Rosman camp and our camps at the Recreation Center. We are also using Pisgah Forest Elementary to offer an additional option for families in the county. There are approximately 45 total at the Rec Department and PFE and 24 at the Rosman for this week. We hope to continue to offer these three options throughout the summer.
- **Future Programs:** At this point, we are holding off on implementing Fall programs so that we do not have to issue refunds. This includes flag football, youth volleyball, after school play programs, gymnastics, adult basketball league, etc. Because of the uncertainty of the nature of things, we are holding off until more guidance is provided from the state. Only individuals allowed in the building are campers and staff until further guidelines have not been provided.

Director Update:

- **Budget:** There weren't many changes to the recommended budget presented by Jamie Laughter to the County Commissioners. As far as capital projects, all county projects will be essentially nonexistent for this next year. If something comes up, it will be on a case by case basis. The budget looks good for Parks and Recreation. It does include a budget for master planning the new park, but otherwise, we are in good shape all things considered.

Member Comments:

- There were no member comments at this time.

Adjournment: The motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously at 6:57 pm.