

## **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – 17 July 2018**

Members Present:

- Cody Owen
- Bob Hurring
- Heather Layton
- Kevin Smith
- Gregory Copeland
- Jonathan Griffin – Interim Parks and Recreation Director
- Jared Mull – Recreation Manager

Call to Order: Parks and Recreation Director called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Approval of Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the May 2018 meeting as well as the June 2018 meeting and approved them both unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

- There were no public comments.

### **Partner Updates**

City Updates – Jim Fatland

- Jim Fatland did not attend.
- Gregory Copeland provided an update regarding two important agenda items from the city council meeting. A resolution was proposed by the council supporting implementation of a 2018 pedestrian plan and sanctioned that plan. Secondly, there is a private group wanting to develop a skate park in town. The individuals came to the meeting to ask the city for approval to raise money for this project. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal of a younger kids' track that would only be approximately 4 ft high as well as a pro track that would be 13 ft high. This raised concerns about safety in how you would monitor the pro track and prevent younger children from getting on it. If the group was granted permission to raise money and the city states there are liability issues that could be a considerable issue in the future. The group proposed building the new site at the Tannery Park site, though there were concerns about flooding, no bathrooms, no parking, etc. There was no site plan and not much information outside of that, however, it passed through the rest of the board that they can go ahead and begin the money raising process.

### **Old Business**

- Silvermont Master Plan:
  - Recommendations that the commission approved last month are going in front of the commissioners on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Site Works will be present at that meeting. Based

on feedback received, they might do another snap poll or might move on to the final master goal, which is dependent on what the county commissioners want.

## **New Business**

### Recreation Update:

- Summer Camp Update:
  - Extreme Camp is this week which is being led by Chase Lance. Next week will be the Dodgeball Camp followed by the pre-K camp.
- Summer League Basketball Update:
  - All-Star night will be Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, which is going to be a large event.
- Beginning to plan for fall programs.
- Jared Mull has accepted a position with Henderson County. His last day will be August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### City Update:

- Jim Fatland did not attend so there was no action under this agenda item.

### Director Update:

- Fee Waiver Policy:
  - People asking for waivers to use the facilities without paying have been directed, in the past, to the county commissioners. From there, the commissioners decide. However, the commissioners believe there should be a more formal way to address these issues. Jonathan posed the question of which individuals should be granted a fee waiver and asked the board to come up with a proposal to address this matter.
    - Is it appropriate to waive the fees? \$50/hour for the first floor of Silvermont and 20\$/hour for the recreation department gym or the backroom. Other agencies have given them a \$3000 budget per year based on requests submitted. If it was known that money was available, the requests would increase. Organizations such as Brevard Youth Football, TYSA, Davidson River School, Pisgah Forest Elementary, etc. are typically not charged for their usage.
    - The board was asked to take home this issue for consideration for a decision for the next meeting.
- Facility Use Policy:
  - A draft was provided to the commission members to establish a precedence of usage of the facilities and grounds, which, up to this point, has been first come, first serve. This does not address the issue of fees. It was noted to broaden the opening, including all facilities, not just sporting facilities. Having priority rankings is a uniform way to be proactive in scheduling limited facilities. Focus areas: insurance for the groups, no issues with the user group (leaving facilities littered, etc.), making scheduled payments on time, etc.

- The commission was asked to take the draft, review it, and bring back discussion items to the following meeting.
- Director Update:
  - Danny Hein, Sheila Cozart, and Jonathan Griffin will be meeting with three potential candidates on Thursday and hope they will be extending an offer on Friday.
  - This will be Jonathan's last meeting as interim Director.
  - Jared's job will be posted tomorrow, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we will have a Parks and Recreation Director on the board to evaluate applications for that position.

Member Comments:

- Cody Owen stated that he is disappointed to see Jared leave and was hoping he would have been a strong candidate for the director position. Cody stated he is appreciative of all that Jared has done for this recreation department and it has been a pleasure working with him.

Adjournment: The motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously at 6:56 pm.