

# Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

## Minutes from August 18, 2020

In attendance: Jared Mull, Wayne Rundell, Heather Layton, Cody Owen, Bob Hurring, Wyn Birkenthal and Mandi Bentley

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

- 1) Welcome: Wayne Rundell
- 2) Approval of minutes from July: Cody made a motion, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all other members were in favor
- 3) No public comment was given
- 4) Old business:
  - a. Park projects: Jared: Fitness course is complete but there is still some work to be completed on the outside of the course due to drainage issues that need to be worked out. The course is not open to the public at this time due to the Governor's restrictions. Once we are able to open, we will have an opening with ribbon cutting. Jared will let the board know the date of the opening so all may attend.
    - i. Naming of course: Policies and procedures for naming a park were reviewed. Jared requested to present at the next commissioner's meeting to present the naming of the course. His presentation will include showing the sign and reviewing the policies. Option C of the policy is what he will be presenting for approval. (Option C: properties, facilities and parks owned/leased by the county may be named for individuals or groups who have made significant donations of land, money or facilities to the county). Jared asked for comments and questions from the board for naming the fitness course JAMESON'S JOY MEMORIAL FITNESS PARK. **Discussion:** Wayne: this will be a great memorial and legacy for Jamison. Jared has a sense that family wants community to enjoy this area. **Motion:** Cody made a motion to support the naming of the course to be JAMESON'S JOY MEMORIAL FITNESS PARK within the guidelines of Option C. Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> and all other members were in favor.
    - ii. Pickleball court update: Jared reported that 4 layers have been put down and there is 1 layer of cushion remaining, 2 coats of paint, and then lines. Once the court is complete, it will be open to the public for play but tournaments will not be held at this time. Rain has been delaying the project.
  - b. Master plan RFQ for new park:
    - i. RFQ for the new park has been advertised. There are three different companies that have already reached out and expressed interest. Two are out of Charlotte and the other is the same company that did the Silvermont Master Plan. Jared handed out the RFQ that was sent to companies for the board to review. The deadline for RFQ's to be turned in is 8/28/20. Once he hears back, he will forward the information to the board. The board will then rank the companies and give rationale for their ranking. **Discussion:** Wyn: Asked if it would be possible to skype with the companies if the need arose. Jared will double check to see if this is possible, should the need arise. Jared also stated that the cross country team has been using the park as well as walkers in the community.

Maintenance mowed an 8 ft. path around the park for walkers and Jared has already filled in some holes with creek sand.

5) New Business:

a. Memorial benches and tree request

i. Jared: Lin Kolb, a Senior Games board member, pickleball player and tennis player recently passed away and several pickleball players are wanting to purchase 2 memorial benches and a dogwood tree in her memory. Both benches would be placed on the outside perimeter of the pickleball courts and the tree would be placed near the current picnic tables. Jared will decide the best location. **Discussion:** Wyn: I knew Lynn and she was a marvelous person and great athlete. Wayne: stated that benches would be needed for seating no matter what but questioned the size of the tree and if there was enough room to plant one. Wayne also had concern about leaves falling on court and clean up. Cody: stated that the tree was a slow growing tree and the tree size and leaves should not be a concern. Jared: the department recently purchased a blower to help remove leaves and water for play. Wyn: expressed concerns that the benches might be stolen. The department also has two security cameras monitoring the court 24 hours a day. Wayne: is in support of benches and tree as long as leaves aren't a problem. He also mentioned that it would be nice to have a concreted area to place the bench. **Motion:** Cody: made a motion to approve the bench and tree with the knowledge that Jared would work out the details of where each will go. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all members were in favor.

ii. Recreation update: Mandi gave an update on summer camp numbers and survey results from parents. 346 kids were served this summer at 3 different locations and according to survey results, 100% were satisfied with the programs, safety protocols, and staff. **Discussion:** Wayne: When will programs start back? Jared: When school goes back to normal. Cody: What is happening at Silvermont? Jared: Silvermont is currently closed to the public but Brenda works at Silvermont in the morning to assist with getting lunches ready for the lunch plus program and then she closes up and comes to the Recreation department to help with camps.

b. Director update: Jared: We are trying to be flexible to the needs of the community and it will be exciting when we get the pickleball courts and fitness course finished and open to the public.

6) No members comments

7) Adjournment: **Motion:** Cody made a motion, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all members were in favor at 7:00 p.m.