

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – 16 April 2019

Members Present:

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

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the March 2019 meeting and approved them unanimously.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment at this time.

Partner Updates

City Updates – Jim Fatland

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

Old Business

PARTF Update

- The application has been completed and the letters of support have been received from various organizations throughout the community. The applications are due on May 1st. The application will be reviewed by several entities prior to submission. Jared will be attending the meeting in which they announce the recipient of the grant to better understand the process of selecting the grant recipient and the point system associated with the selection. The grant will be awarded approximately in September.

New Business

Barclay Road River Access Site

- There is a piece of land on Barclay Road which is just under 6 acres with a decent sized area for river access. Jared provided a handout of the proposed property and distributed it to the members in attendance. It is a great location in regard to the other public access points in the county, Hap Simpson River Park and Island Ford Access. It is a big need in terms of safety as there have been several emergency swift water rescue calls and this would provide a beneficial access point for rescue crews. In speaking with NC Fish and Wildlife and other river enthusiasts, Jared was able to establish an estimated cost for the

project which would be approximately \$142,800. This includes the purchasing of the land, ADA parking, paving, floating dock, increased ramp size for motorized boats, among a variety of other projects. The property was listed at \$26,000. Should this property come back on the market, the question was posed to the Commission if this would be an avenue the Commission is interested in and would like to continue pursuing. The funds would be recommended to be taken from the Parks and Recreation General Fund. The board is informally in favor of pursuing this property for the \$26,000 and, in the future, consider other options in developing the land for the \$142,800. The board asked for Jared to get into contact with the realtor to gain more information on this property.

Playground Partnership

- A Brevard Elementary student unexpectedly passed away a few months ago, Jameson Courtine. He was an American Ninja Warrior enthusiast and his parents are wanting to commemorate him with a park. There is a current playground near the soccer fields and softball fields that is in need of updating. Jared met with the Courtine family and they are very interested in partnering with the county for this project and are willing to aid in fundraising. This project is directly in line with the Parks and Recreation 2016 Master Plan for fitness and wellness and is a way to collaborate with community organizations. Jared is meeting with various playground companies to identify what could be implemented in the space allotted and the price. Jared showed a video of one of the playground companies he has been speaking with which would be able to build a fitness obstacle course for both children and adults. There could be various partnerships with wellness organizations and corporations to offset the price. The park wouldn't need much maintenance and the companies would be able to do all of the work themselves. Jared will have numbers for the next meeting should the Commission believe this is an avenue worth pursuing. The Commission is in favor of pursuing this partnership and asked Jared to continue gaining information for the playground partnership project.

Recreation Update

- Current programs: Spring break camp is happening right now. A week from Friday, the Senior Games and Silver Arts opening ceremony will be held that night at 6:00. The back room will be filled with Silver Arts displays, including: woodworking, photography, painting, among a variety of others. Commissioner Lemel will be in attendance to deliver the opening speech. A meal will be included among various acts that will be judged for ribbons. The games will be held at the Rec Department, College Walk, Brevard College track, Brevard High school track, and others. The numbers right now are at 100 participants, but there are still several days left to register. The closing ceremonies will be held on May 13th and there will be a catered dinner and prizes awarded. Brenda Skeffington at Silvermont and Dale Griffin will be taking the lead for this program.
- Upcoming programs: Several summer camps are already full, but they are expected to all be full within the next month.

Director Update:

- The Commissioners at the last meeting approved to build showers in the existing restrooms which will be a nice amenity to have, especially when the Rec Department is used as an emergency facility. Afterward, the work on the pickleball courts will begin. Jared has allowed them a Saturday morning in the summer to use.
- Jared has a conflict for the next month's Commission meeting. The Commission has discussed hosting a meeting at Silvermont. May 14th has been decided upon for the upcoming month's meeting which will be held at Silvermont.

Member Comments:

- There were no member comments at this time.

Adjournment: The motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously at 6:53 pm.