

Transylvania County Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday: 4-19-16

Call to Order: 6:37 by Kevin Smith

1. Welcome

Present: Scott Saulsbury; Kevin Smith; Todd Branham; Danielle Major; Sammy Kicklighter

Staff Present: Carleen Dixon, Jared Mull

2. Approval of 3-15-16 Minutes

Motion to Accept: Sammy Kicklighter

Second: Scott Saulsbury

Passed as presented.

3. Old Business

a. Project Updates

i. Silvermont

1. Bench and table has been installed and is ADA accessible.
2. The next phase of design has been delayed due to concerns about cost.
3. The lighting request for tennis courts is still in the budget as of now.
4. Surfacing Contractor has examined basketball courts and determined that it is not a good candidate for resurfacing, which would enable tape to adhere to the surface for temporary lines. Sammy said that during previous pickleball discussion with members of the pickleball community, he got the impression from them that the surface was just fine and that they were willing to fund the cost of painting lines. Scott made a motion for a coordinated meeting with Sammy, Kevin and a few pickleball representatives to examine and try out the basketball court as it is now. Factors that would be examined would include feasibility, safety, and playability. Sammy seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

b. Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Update

- i. Presentation is delayed until the September 12th Board of Commissioners meeting. Carleen and Josh Freeman are working on a timeline. Carleen plans to email each of us a file to review to receive feedback.

c. Fees/Contracts – Instructors and Users Update. Instructors and users have brought concerns to the board of commissioners regarding the newly collected fees. Sammy stated that we should think about whether or not fee collection for certain facilities matches the mission statement of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Kevin suggested finding examples of positive outcomes of

similar programs in surrounding counties. Carleen restated that these fees are not new, but are being implemented now, with sufficient warning. Carleen stated that plans for a cost recovery program will be included in the strategic plan.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Draft Special Event Process. Carleen explained the past special event process, which went through the city manager. Carleen and the city manager determined that this was not the most efficient process. Jared has drafted an application and provided the commission with a copy to review. This form will eventually be on the county rec desk website. Any possible fees have not been determined.

b. Board Member Resignation. Nicola Karesh submitted her written resignation due to new time constraints and inability to attend meetings. Kevin remarked that Nicola has been instrumental in several projects and very knowledgeable. Kevin plans to stay in touch with her as she serves the community in other capacities.

c. Recreation Update.

i. Jared updated the commission with information on Senior Games, Youth Volleyball, adult league basketball, and the 5 weeks of Summer Camps that have been scheduled in addition to the free 10 week camp at RHS.

ii. Jared provided the commission with data of projected field usage and fees for March – May of 2017, as well as current utilization rates for the recreation center.

d. Parks Update

i. New trash and recycling receptacles are being placed. These receptacles can be anchored in the ground so that they cannot blow over and are also more ergonomically friendly when lifting them.

ii. Carleen discussed some trees that would need to be removed and stated that she has plans to propose a hazard tree and maintenance program so that more proactive steps can be taken in the future to maintain our trees.

5. MEMBER COMMENT

a. Sammy voiced the observation that speed bumps on the drive to the Parks and Recreation Center did help during soccer, but a third bump may be necessary.

NEXT MEETING: May 17th, 2016 at 6:30

ADJOURNMENT BY KEVIN SMITH AT 8:06