

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

August 15, 2017

Attendees:

Danny Hein – Chair, Wayne Rundell – Vice Chair, Coty Ferguson – Secretary, Bob Hurring, Kevin Smith, Heather Layton, James Cody Owen, Carleen Dixon – Parks & Rec. Director, Mandi Bentley – Recreation representative

Call to Order:

Danny called the meeting to order at 6:05

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve July 18, 2017 minutes moved by Kevin seconded by Coty – unanimously approved

Old Business:

- a. *HVAC in Gym*
 - a. Bid awarded to Appalachian Construction, a local firm
 - b. Must partner with the city and county schools to relocate utilities prior to construction
 - c. Appalachian Construction estimates no more than 60 days of construction time once utilities have been relocated
- b. *ADA Transition Plan*
 - a. Reviewed ADA transition plan, going through the project list by priority level
 - b. Only one issue has been identified as a priority 1 safety concern; insulation of pipes in Silvermont restrooms
 - c. Kevin moved that ADA Transition Plan be presented to the County Commissioners for approval, seconded by Wayne and unanimously approved
- c. *RRS Training*
 - a. An opportunity to receive board/commission training in lieu of October 17 meeting; training would be focused on how to operate more effectively as a commission
 - b. Coty moved that training occur in lieu of 17 October meeting, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved
- d. *Star Award Follow-up*
 - a. Danny shared personal anecdote about how deserving some members of the community are of this type of recognition
 - b. Two recognition options were presented, discussion ensued
 - c. Wayne moved that option one be adopted, seconded by Kevin and unanimously approved
- e. *Pool Interest Group Follow-up*
 - a. The interest group was not prepared to attend this meeting, but look forward to attending September meeting and sharing during public comment session

New Business:

- a. City of Brevard Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee Update
 - a. Jim Fatland, City Manager – Brevard, shared the purpose and intent of the committee
 - b. Public Works has taken over parks in the city, Jim shared the logic behind the action
 - i. There is a precedent for this in other small communities
 - ii. Public Works has the personnel and resources that a typical community parks department does not
 - c. State PARTF committee will meet August 25th to decide on Tannery Park grant

- d. City has two councilmen sitting on the committee, which helps get things through council if it makes it out of committee
- e. The city would like to partner on future assets rather than strengthening existing assets, their view is that both the city and county are doing well at maintaining respective properties
- b. National Fitness Campaign (NFC)
 - a. Proposal for consideration
 - i. NFC approached the county after conducting a study that identified us as a target community
 - ii. Development would cost the county \$90k
 - b. Kaine McAlister, Brevard High Student, approached the county to develop body weight exercises within the community as part of his senior project
 - c. Cody moved that the county commissioners support and fund this project through money set aside for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved
- c. Senior Games Update (Mandi Bentley)
 - a. Comprised of 150 members, who must be 50+
 - b. Seniors compete locally for an opportunity to compete at the state and national levels
 - c. Funds come from registration fees, sponsorships, donations, and fundraising
- d. NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund 17-18
 - a. Carleen shared info on the Trust with the committee, PARTF grants should be on our radar
- e. Mobile Recreation Program
 - a. Considering a multi-agency pilot program to offer programs/services in the more remote areas of the county that are under-served by partnering with Community Centers; currently looking for funds to start the pilot program
- f. Director's Update
 - a. Fencing improvement have been made to softball fields at the Activity Center Park
 - b. Health Dept. contacted Rec. Dept. about locations for bike repair stations that they can obtain through a grant
- g. Recreation Update
 - a. 151 kids serviced through Summer camp programs at the Recreation Center; this does not include Rosman Camp
 - b. Flag football will be starting soon, with registrants reaching the 100 persons maximum
 - c. Volleyball is has also reached maximum registration; taking waitlist
 - d. Inaugural dodgeball program will begin 22 September
 - e. Smart Start Basketball ages 4-5 will begin 14 September
 - f. Youth football is currently underway
- h. Open Member Position on PRC

Member Comments:

Heather shared that Brevard Elementary is opening a new playground, which is a community build project led by Bracken Mountain Builders on Thursday starting at 7:30am until 5pm.

Adjournment:

Coty moved to adjourn at 8:12, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved