

January 16, 2018

Transylvania County Parks & Recreation Commission (TC, PRC)
Minutes

Attendees:

Danny Hein, Chair; Wayne Rundell, Vice Chair; Cody Owen, Annie Burgess, Bob Hurring, members; Jonathan Griffin, Interim Parks & Recreation Director; Jared Mull, Recreation Manager

Call To Order:

Danny called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

Pinkie Byrd – made the suggestion that the county should look into using the old K-Mart building as a possible additional Recreation Center to meet the need for one in the Master Plan. She also mentioned that the Senior Center at Silvermont has run out of space due to the growing program participant numbers.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Wayne to approve minutes of November 21, 2017, seconded by Cody Owen. Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Jonathan discussed the need for a park master plan specifically for Silvermont. The need for this plan was outlined in Page 68 of the Master Plan for the department. Jonathan mentioned that there were several plans done by groups in the past including a: preservation plan done by the Silvermont Planning Group. This plan was for work inside of the mansion. There was another plan done for the grounds of Silvermont Park that included handicap parking, shelters, and other items. There is also another form that the BOCC adopted that was for rules and regulations for Silvermont.

Jonathan mentioned that all of these different plans show the need for a comprehensive master plan for Silvermont for better continuity. This master plan would allow us to have

prioritization process and would help empower the PRC by keeping them heavily involved in the process of working with the consultant group and meeting with the different user groups at Silvermont.

Several PRC members mentioned their willingness and appreciation for being a part of this process. Danny mentioned the importance of the citizen engagement piece as part of the master plan. Jonathan stated that the county is trying to gain a better vision and more community engagement for Silvermont with this master plan.

RFP's were distributed to all PRC members to look over and provide comments to Jonathan if they have any suggestions for changing the document.

2. Pinkie Byrd and Jeanne Hunter with the Friends of Silvermont spoke to the PRC on a proposal for several 1st floor renovations at Silvermont. The mansion has several needed renovations and one of the struggles the Friends of Silvermont has is finding projects that they can fund with the approval of the county.

The proposed renovations include: refinishing the wood flooring, replace damaged floorboards around fireplace, replace threshold boards, paint designated areas up to picture hanging trim, remove wallpaper in bathroom and small hall, install custom wood window shutters, and replace ladies room toilet with a taller toilet to better accommodate the seniors.

The renovations would mean that WCCA would likely need to relocate some or all of their programs during the time of construction. Pinkie & Jeanne mentioned that they spoke with the former WCCA director at Silvermont and she was on board with their plan. Some of the work could be done over several weekends but ideally they would like to do the work during the week.

Jonathan mentioned that if the PRC made a motion to approve, the county's maintenance team would be involved in the process and would oversee the work done. Cody made a motion for approval to advance the proposal under Jonathan's supervision, Wayne seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

3. Jared provided a Recreation Update that included:

- Youth Basketball is currently ongoing and is finished with the first 2 weeks of the season.
- Project Updates – HVAC is finished and scoreboards are installed.
- Polar Plunge – Special Olympics fundraiser on 2/3/18 @ Connestee Falls
- Night to Shine – Special Olympics/needs prom held at the Rec Center on 2/9/18 through Tim Tebow's foundation.
- Winter/Spring Updates
 - The weather has caused three programs to be cancelled: (2) Play the Day Away and Breakfast with Santa
 - Youth Dodgeball – ongoing with 17 kids
 - Youth Volleyball – registration for girls in 4th-6th grade ends on 3/6
 - Indoor Fun Play – had 24 kids on 1/10
 - Adult Dodgeball – Monday nights starting in March. Registration ends on 2/23/18
 - Spring Break Camp – ages 6-11 during the week of 4/2-4/6
 - Senior Games will be starting up in April
- Summer
 - Summer Camp registrations open on February 1st
 - Battle for the Belt opens on March 1st

4. Director Update

Jonathan stated that he is continuing to work on a maintenance plan for parks to help better gauge the parks maintenance budget.

Member Comments:

None

At 7:20 p.m. Bob motioned to adjourn, Cody seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.