



MEETING MINUTES

Huntersville Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Members Present: Deanna Baumgardner, Kent Curran, Rich Lange, Magic Cypress-McNairy, Kathy Jones, John Mielke, Edward Parks, Hank Stiene

Absent: John O'Neill

Guests: Commissioner Nick Walsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rich, Chair, at 6:30 pm with a quorum present.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Rich confirmed that a quorum of commissioners was present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Deanna moved to approve the minutes for the March meeting; John M. seconded the motion. All approved.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. North Mecklenburg Playground – has reopened. We are receiving good feedback online and in person. It turned out really well. By having the staff of HPR install it, the Town saved about \$16,000. Only the rubber ground covering was contracted out. HPR staff also installed our outdoor fitness equipment, saving the Town an additional \$17,000. Scheduling these projects during the winter months is working really well. The new playground also has additional benches. Rich asked if all the structures are new. Michael said they are, except for the sandbox, rockers and dinosaurs, which the community requested be saved.
- b. North Mecklenburg Park Driveway – is finished and paved. It was in bad shape, being the original driveway installed. A 'Before and After' picture was shown.
- c. Huntersville Athletic Park – lot resurface is also complete.
- d. Bradford Parking Lot Expansion – We have completed the RFQ process for the engineering, design and surveying for the new parking lot. This recommendation will go to the Town Board

on May 20th. We hope to have the design and permitting done this summer and construction in the fall.

- e. Vote for HPRD in the Lake Normandy Award Contest for best Summer Camp!

V. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Deanna, Kent, Edward and John M. had nothing to report.

Hank said the new signs at HAP looks “sharp”! Michael said the goal is to eventually have that same design on the signs at all parks. Kathy asked for a picture of the sign.

Kathy reported on the renovated jail house completion. They will have a table at Hello Huntersville directing guests to visit it.

VI. PROGRAMMING REPORT

1. Movies in the Park is being held tomorrow, Thursday April 18. The Easter Bunny will be there since Pictures with the Easter Bunny was cancelled on Sunday because of inclement weather.
2. Jazz In the Park – Downtown restaurants, **Slice House Pizza and Café 100**, are delivering to the park. The numbers were down on Saturday because of the weather. John M. said he attended the first concert and enjoyed it.
3. RecFit – more people are using it now.
4. Hello Huntersville is coming up on May 5. After looking at the handout, Rich said it is good everything will be at one central location at Veterans Park. Michael said it also avoids shutting down 115. Kathy wanted to know which roads will be closed. Michael mentioned that only Main and Maxwell would be closed this year.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

No members of the public were present.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Strikers Soccer Club Contract.

A copy of the Strikers contract was handed out. Deanna would like for everyone to be involved and get feedback before making the final decision. Rich said the only issue he sees coming out of it and moving forward is that he would like Strikers to publish the schedule and call it “CSA Huntersville”; also have the name “Huntersville” on the team jerseys. Michael said they would also have to provide the roster. Rich asked Commissioner Walsh if, from a Board standpoint, there are any concerns or comments that the contract doesn’t cover. Commissioner Walsh said he has not talked to anyone and it has not come up on anybody’s radar as of yet. Edward said everything looks positive. John M. feels comfortable as a group

with it and if anything else comes up, they will ask. Michael would like to make a formal recommendation that the committee is fine with the contract and that Strikers are operating under the terms and conditions set forth. Rich asked if it needs to be submitted to them, and, if so, they would like to go ahead and vote on it.

Rich also stated that if it shows that everyone is satisfied and they are operating on the perimeter of everything they said, then we can make a recommendation. John M. moved that a motion be put forth to accept the contract; Edward seconded. All unanimously voted in favor of accepting the contract.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Assignments.

Michael talked about updating the master plan since the last information that was gathered was in 2010 - we need to update the data. Looking at the map of Huntersville and dividing it up into quadrants, there are two commissioners in each of the three quadrants, and three commissioners residing in the other.

The map is divided in half along the I-77 corridor then horizontally east from Gilead to Huntersville-Concord Rd and west from Gilead to Bud Henderson Rd. to make up the quadrants.

The goal is to find out the subdivisions and neighborhoods with amenities. E.g. basketball, playground, pool etc. It will let us know where there is a need for amenities that are not parks.

The Planning Department will provide Michael with an updated list of communities currently under construction and what has been recently completed. The group seemed excited about the task and immediately started planning the areas they will cover. Magic said she has information on her community of Riverdale already. Deanna said her husband can help her with getting information for their community. Edward agreed to do the entire Southwest area. John M. suggested that we need to figure out current projects as well. Michael asked if the committee could bring this information to the next meeting. Kent is unable to participate because he will be on vacation. Kathy wanted to make sure two people aren't calling the same communities to gather information. Michael suggested using google maps as well to see if there are pools, tennis courts etc. in the communities. Deanna suggested going to the communities' websites.

Rich asked if there is any further business to discuss.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm.