



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2014 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Stone, Marty Buckwald, Lee Ann Plumer, Jennifer Jones, Kevin Adams, Daniel Price, Wanda Holloway, Kari McCloud, Winston Shade

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Len Bradley, Adam Huffman, Lori Puzak

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**APPROVAL OF 06/12/14 MINUTES:** Meeting minutes approved. Correction: Jennifer Jones was present at the 6/12/2014 meeting.

**WELCOME NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Kevin welcomed our new members Daniel Price and Elizabeth (Liz) Stone to the committee. Kari McCloud and Winston Shade were reappointed to the committee for a new term.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Officers are elected usually at the July meeting but the committee met at the Cultural Center in July to attend the 2014-15 Performing Arts Series Preview Party. Officers serve for a one year term.

Marty Buckwald motioned to keep the current officers for another term: Kevin Adams, Chair; Jennifer Jones, Vice Chair; Kari McCloud, Secretary. Wanda Holloway seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Adam Huffman reviewed the current terms for all committee members.

**PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES-Adam**

**Hunt Center-** Senior trips have been at full capacity utilizing the bus and an additional van. Fitness memberships are maintaining at approximately 650. Before/After School and Track Out are all at 90-100% capacity.

**Athletics-** Soccer, Football, Cheerleading, Baseball, Softball, and Adult Softball are running right now. Registrations have increased slightly over last year. All soccer teams are playing at Womble on the synthetic turf to decrease the number of cancellations due to weather. The number of football teams is about the same as last year; however, the max was decreased from 35 to 30 to allow more playing time players.

**Bass Lake/Sugg Farm-** Primary programs have been school field trips, birthday parties, Family Fun Night and weddings. Upcoming events: Catfish Tournament on August 30<sup>th</sup>, Catfish Pro-Series Tournament - \$5 per person, In the Park After Dark and Owl Prowl in September.

**Cultural Center-** Camps have been 80% or better. Rehearsals for Community Theatre have begun. The production is "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" opening the last weekend of August. Outdoor Concerts have had about 200-250 in attendance. The last concert is August 22<sup>nd</sup> with The Band of Oz and coincides with TicketFest, where tickets go on sale for the 2014-15 Performing Arts Season.

**Parks and Recreation Events-** In the planning stages for Dog Days, which is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 2 pm at Sugg Farm. Holly Springs 4 @ 4 will be at Sugg Farm this year on October

11th. Adam shared a map of the course for this year's race which starts at Sugg Farm, continues through Womble Park and then returns to Sugg Farm for the finish line. The advantage of this new route is that the only road that may have to be shut down is a small section of Grigsby Ave.

**JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>:** Jennifer Jones shared that she heard very good comments regarding the event. The fireworks display was very good. The lines were long but there were plenty of activities for everyone. We experienced significantly increased numbers this year, estimated at 10,000. Traffic issues leaving the event were primarily due to pedestrian traffic that did not use the designated path. Parking on Grigsby Ave. also hindered exiting the field due to the number of cars performing U-turns. Families with strollers and wagons had issues using the mulched trails. Hopefully we will have a continuous sidewalk on the north side of the road for pedestrians next year. Another alternative could be to close the road to vehicular traffic for the first 20-30 minutes. Another result of the increased numbers was long lines for the porta-potties. More will be ordered for next year. Kevin Adams asked what the alcohol policy is for the event. Marketing materials did not address alcohol for the event. We can address this for next year and how it will be enforced. Jennifer Jones commended the police department for managing traffic.

**NON-SMOKING AND TRESPASSING ORDINANCES:** Proposed fines: 1<sup>st</sup> offense \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$50; and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$75. If the offense involves vandalism it will be handled differently. Since these are ordinances they will be enforced no longer by staff but rather by the police department. The ordinances will be presented at the next Town Council meeting by the town attorney and will be effective for all parks and greenways. Signs will be put up to reflect the ordinances but the quantity and the locations of the signs have not been determined. Several advisory committee members stated they were shocked by how the parents of the juveniles involved in the trespassing incident were trying to deflect from the behavior and focused on the availability of the synthetic turf field. Winston Shade commended the Parks and Recreation staff on their professionalism in handling the situation prompting these ordinances.

Cameras have been installed at Sugg Farm, the Quad, and the Womble synthetic field. Open play hours have not been finalized yet.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING TOPIC:** Daniel Dhers Action Sports Complex

**UPDATE ON NORTH MAIN ATHLETIC COMPLEX:** Phase I and Phase II contractors are both working on the construction site. Phase II has been delayed due to the amount of rain that we've had. The Phase I completion date has been delayed to the first of November instead of the first of October. Three soccer events are expected to take place in November so staff is working hard to make that deadline. Phase II is scheduled to be completed by the first of May. The contractor then has 60 days to complete the punch list. This will still allow us to meet our deadline for the Coastal Plain League agreement. Financing should be complete by mid to late September. The high-voltage power lines will remain, which is where the parking lot will be. Phase III (Lighting) bids will be accepted on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The town staff is still working to get funding from Wake County. The County has \$6M for tourism dollars is now \$7.6M, but the county staff did not recommend any of those dollars toward our project. Staff is following up with our elected officials. County Commissioners will vote on Monday.

Len spoke briefly about the value-engineered items that helped us reduce the budget for Phase II. These are all items that are not necessary but could easily be added back in for future projects: beer garden, kids' playground, one set of bathrooms, a connector road to the bypass, a greenway, some streetscape work for aesthetics, and the video board for the scoreboard. Premium lighting was left in Phase II so that the stadium can be used for NCAA events and television broadcasts. The naming rights effort has been postponed until the facility is done. The value-engineered items total \$2.8M.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

The Somerset Farm greenway has been completed. Main Street Square is putting in a greenway to connect to Bass Lake and Womble Park, which will complete the greenway up to the 55 Bypass. The

developers are also connecting to Parkside Village. Len is meeting with developers for Morgan Park Friday to begin work on a greenway to connect to the sidewalk on Avent Ferry leading to Holly Glen.

The Holly Springs Run Club was formed a couple of months ago. Their mission is to introduce runners to the greenways in town. Meetings are the second Saturday of every month in the Lowe's parking lot. They have mapped out paths on our greenway system ranging from 3 to 12 miles long.

Jennifer Jones commended Ranger Steve on the birthday party packages and Family Fun Night at Bass Lake Park.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.