



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2014 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Adams, LeeAnn Plumer, Jennifer Jones, Wanda Holloway, Kari McCloud, Daniel Price,

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Elizabeth Stone, Winston Shade, Marty Buckwald

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cheri Lee

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kevin Adams called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

**APPROVAL OF 09/11/14 MINUTES:** Leeann Plumer motioned to approve, Wanda seconded the motion. Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker Presentation: Coastal Plain League by Tommy Atkinson, General Manager and Justin Sellers, Commissioner

The Coastal Plain League is a college summer baseball league. It currently consists of 15 clubs across the Carolinas and Virginia. The league office has been located in Holly Springs since 2009. The CPL is the largest college league in the country, ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> as far as talent. As of September 2014, over 1,200 alumni have been drafted by Major League teams, including Justin Verlander, Ryan Zimmerman, Kevin Youkilis and Russell Wilson who later transitioned to the NFL. The Coastal Plain League is a developmental league for not just players, but also for coaches, general managers, umpires and broadcasters. One of the main goals of the CPL is community involvement by working with the Holly Springs Chamber and the Town.

Season tickets are currently on sale at the Coastal Plain League office and are \$225 for front row seats and \$185 for all other seats. Season tickets include 28 home games, excluding exhibition games. The season runs from May 26 – June 9 and June 30 – August 30<sup>th</sup>. Individual tickets are \$9 for the front row and \$8 for all other seats. Currently there are Military and Senior discounts of \$1.

**Parks and Recreation Updates-Adam**

**Hunt Center/Womble Park-** Cameras have been installed on the north side of the Womble Park soccer fields. Once these cameras are fully functional open play time may be expanded to include unsupervised times during the day. The installation of no smoking signs has begun at Womble Park. There was a Senior Trip to Myrtle Beach last weekend and we filled two busses. Our record for football is currently 0-4. The next two weeks are at home. We have three teams with 30 kids each. Staff is possibly looking at a home town league in the future. In order to accomplish this more coaches will be needed. Sugg Farm at Bass Lake Park hosted a cross country meet on Wednesday. The course is a challenging one. There may be an opportunity to host a regional tournament in the future. Kari McCloud brought up that at Saturday's soccer games at Womble Park several people were getting hit with stray soccer balls and games had to be stopped when stray balls crossed fields. Once NMAC soccer fields are open then the U12 games will be moved and the Womble fields will be spaced further apart. The downside is that the NMAC games would probably need to be during the week and not on the weekend.

**Bass Lake-** Bass Lake Days was last week featuring many animals and face painting. The Bass Lake Bridge installation was on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The construction crew laid concrete on the bridge today. We are expecting another 7-8 days until the construction crew is finished and then staff will mulch and complete the loop. The bridge has the capacity to hold up to 20,000 lbs. Adam Huffman showed the video of the installation.

**Cultural Center-** The Association last weekend was sold out, John Oates concert is tonight and only has one ticket remaining, Jerry Carroll (Clean Comedy Series) is Friday night and the Classic Rock Experience is October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks and Recreation Events-** The Holly Springs 4 @ 4 is this weekend. Registration is down from last year. This could be due to not offering an early registration with a discounted rate. Same day registration numbers should be up. Hollyfest is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until 4 PM with the Haunted Hayride at the Farm later that same evening from 7 – 11 PM. The ride is anticipated to last 20 minutes. There will also be food vendors and the Holly Springs School of Dance will reenact Michael Jackson's "Thriller". Beericana was held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and there were approximately 2,800 in attendance. 500 of those tickets were complimentary to chamber members. Next year's event is planned for September 12<sup>th</sup>. 919 Beer is also planning a spring festival with a food truck rodeo. The date is to be determined – dependent upon Spring Fling and Kids' Appreciation Day. The only complaint for Beerican is that attendees were not allowed to smoke.

**Greenway expansion** – Staff is working on connecting the Ballenridge greenway to Avent Ferry via the underpass at Utley Creek and Morgan Park. The Pecan Grove – phase 2 will connect the 55 bypass to the Bass Lake Outfall Greenway. A third greenway in the planning stages would connect Woodcreek and Scott's Laurel. Jennifer Jones brought up about a ¼ mile section of the Arbor Creek greenway that is not paved or mulched and needs some attention.

#### **Bond Updates-Adam**

NMAC – The dugouts at the baseball field have been placed. Curb and gutters should be completed in about a week or so. Most of the light poles are up and we are working on getting power for the lights. Crews are laying down the stone for the soccer fields and the tennis courts. Once the stone on the soccer fields is complete then the turf will go down. Staff anticipates hosting the older teams (10U and 12U) at the NMAC fields. The fields should be completed in early November. We have three tournaments scheduled in November; however, back up facilities will be Womble Park, the HSHS Multi-purpose field and Holly Grove Middle School. Adam Huffman shared pictures of the construction site.

**Topic for November meeting:** Main Street Christmas

**ADJOURN:** There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.