

**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2015 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Adams, Winston Shade, Howard Slinkard, Jennifer Jones, Marty Buckwald, Kari McCloud, Wanda Holloway

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** LeeAnn Plumer, Elizabeth Stone

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cheri Lee

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve: Ms. Jones; Second: Mr. Buckwald; Vote: Unanimous (6-0, Ms. Holloway arrived after the approval of the minutes); Meeting minutes approved with no corrections.

Discussion of the Minutes: Mr. Adams noted that in regards to the staff presentation on suggested program improvements for the fitness memberships to include some group exercise classes that Ms. Plumer voted against the motion. He expressed concern that perhaps Ms. Plumer should have abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest with her position on the Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce since her concerns with the motion were whether the Town should compete with private businesses. Mr. Adams further stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's purpose is to serve the residents of Holly Springs, not businesses. Ms. Lee stated that a member can recuse himself or herself from a vote and that she will check with John Schifano about when this is required and/or appropriate.

**PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES:**

**Cultural Center-** Exile was held on March 14 and was sold out. The next show is James Gregory as part of the Clean Comedy Series, scheduled for Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and that show is also sold out. The final performance of the season is Juice Newton, which was rescheduled to May 1<sup>st</sup> due to weather. There are currently 35 tickets remaining.

**Hunt Center-** The 12U girls basketball team earned the title of SWAC State Champions and were recognized on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Town Council meeting. At that same meeting, Town Council approved the SWAC tournament changes recommended by the advisory committee at our last meeting as well as the Fitness Membership changes to include some group exercise classes. The planned group exercise classes to be included are spinning, boot camp, cardio-strength and Zumba®. Yoga, Pilates and martial arts classes will remain separate. This program will run as a pilot program with staff monitoring the success.

**Womble Park-** Pitch, Hit and Run is scheduled for Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Baseball and softball starts Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Track and Field starts next week as well. Wake Futbol Club is hosting a tournament this weekend at our facilities. There are 98 teams participating with 18 of those teams coming from a distance 50 or more miles away.

**Parks and Recreation Events-** Spring Fling was held Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Sugg Farm. The estimated attendance was 1,200 people with 29 vendors for the community yard sale. Kids Appreciation Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4:30 pm at Sugg Farm. This event is hosted by the Kiwanis Club and the Town is a co-sponsor. Turtlefest is scheduled for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm at Bass Lake Park.

**BOND PROJECTS UPDATES:** Phase 1 completion date is May 24<sup>th</sup>. Regarding Phase 2 progress, construction crews are currently laying stone on the baseball field and should be done by the end of the week. Synthetic turf will be the next step and should go really quickly as we've used this crew for other turf installations. The scoreboard was approved at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. It includes a 26' X 15' HD display which can be used to show movies, replays, ads and other video. The cost for the upgraded scoreboard is \$299,781. The original project budget included \$177,000. The Holly Springs Salamanders will provide \$24,000 from advertising rights for the scoreboard and proceeds from the Wake County Commissioners grant will cover the remaining \$98,781. Also approved at Town Council was an extra set of bathrooms containing 10 men and 10 women stalls, a bid for a modular office building to house offices for the Holly Springs Salamanders, Wake FC, P&R staff, and additional bathrooms. The scoreboard should be installed 3 days prior to the first game and the extra bathrooms will be ready sometime after the season starts. The change order for the beer garden was higher than anticipated so staff is working with the contractors at value-engineering opportunities. There were several questions regarding how concessions would be handled at the athletic complex. For the baseball stadium, the Holly Springs Salamanders will manage the concessions and they have the first right of refusal for other events. For the soccer field, Wake Futbol Club will handle concessions for their events and will also have the first right of refusal for other events.

**MAY TOPIC:** Tour the North Main Athletic Complex at 6:30 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Adam requested more information regarding the joint use agreements the Town has with Wake County Public Schools. The agreement states that the Parks and Recreation department will maintain their outside facilities in exchange for the ability to use them after school hours. In the past, the Parks and Recreation department was able to negotiate agreements directly with the schools to trade the use of the gym scoreboards for use of our fields for their baseball clubs. Since Wake County Public Schools has centralized joint use agreements, we are no longer able to negotiate agreements directly with the schools, resulting in our renting of their scoreboards at a cost exceeding \$6,000 per year, paying for janitorial services, and paying for a full-time staff person when we use their middle school gyms for basketball. Because of this change we now charge Holly Ridge Middle School and Holly Grove Middle School to rent our fields for their baseball club teams.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Motion: Mr. Buckwald

Second: Ms. McCloud

Vote: Unanimous (7-0)