



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2015 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Howard Slinkard, Kevin Adams, Jennifer Jones, Alice Reese, Kari McCloud, LeeAnn Plumer, Elizabeth Stone

ABSENT MEMBERS: Winston Shade, Wanda Holloway

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheri Lee

STAFF PRESENT: Len Bradley, Adam Huffman, Lori Puzak

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve April 9, 2015 Minutes: Ms. Jones; Second: Mr. Slinkard; Vote: Unanimous 5-0 (Ms. Reese abstained and Ms. Stone arrived after the vote); April 9, 2015 meeting minutes approved with no corrections. Motion to approve June 11, 2015 Minutes: Ms. Plumer; Second: Mr. Slinkard; Vote: Unanimous 5-0 (Ms. Reese abstained and Ms. Stone arrived after the vote); June 11, 2015 meeting minutes approved with no corrections.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES:

Bass Lake- Archery program for ages 8 and up and the Campfire Cooking Class are going very well. Summer camps have all filled to capacity or just under capacity, this is the same for all the facilities.

Cultural Center- Outdoor concert featuring Mystique is scheduled for Friday, July 10. TicketFest is August 28th at 10am. Don Briscar will be sending an invitation to the committee for the Performing Arts Preview on Thursday, July 23.

Hunt Center- Adult basketball registration ended on June 15. The league has increased to 12 teams from last year, which had 9 teams. Football/Cheer registration is about the same as last year, with a team in every division. Fall soccer has increased to 705 registrants over 612 from last year. Fall baseball/softball and Adult softball registration is open until July 24. Intro to soccer and football/cheer registration is open until July 13. SWAC softball/baseball tournaments are in progress. We will host the 15U baseball tournament next weekend at NMAC. There are 4 teams participating. Group exercise classes are currently being programmed. This was delayed due to some staffing changes.

Jones Park- 1st event at the Jones Park disc golf course was the Powerade State Games. The course currently has 15 holes. 3 temporary/improv holes were constructed so that the tournament could play 18. Staff has received very good reviews from the disc golf community about the course.

Parks and Recreation Events- July 5th event was Sunday. The weather delayed the fireworks display until just before 10 pm. The estimated attendance was about half from last year (4,000) primarily due to the weather. Staff is waiting for the official estimate from the parking vendor.

BOND PROJECTS UPDATES: Soccer fields are scheduled to open July 19 and the tennis courts are scheduled to open on July 12, depending upon weather, to complete Phase 1 except punch list items. Phase 2, the baseball stadium, is open but construction continues. Full completion is expected by October. Basketball courts will be installed in the parking lot near the soccer fields. Mr. Slinkard asked about the availability of the tennis courts at NMAC which led to a discussion of the usage of those courts. Staff will be meeting to discuss the installation of cameras at NMAC. Mr. Slinkard asked if the tennis schedule is published on the website. Currently, patrons should call the Hunt Center for availability.

ELECTION OF 2015-2016 OFFICERS: Motion to reinstall existing officers: Mr. Slinkard; Second: Ms. Stone; Vote: 7-0. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Adams will serve as Chair, Ms. Jones as Vice-Chair, and Ms. McCloud as Secretary for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Budget – Staff provided summary information for fiscal year 2014-2015. The Parks and Recreation department generated 105% of budgeted revenues and incurred 93% of budgeted expenses for last fiscal year. For fiscal year 2015-2016, the department has budgeted \$1,554,248 in revenue and \$4,451,411 in expenses. Ms. Plumer asked where administrative costs for the department were budgeted. Mr. Bradley stated that they were housed in the Community Center line.

Inventory of facilities, fields and their uses:

- Joint Use Agreement with Wake County Schools
 - Holly Ridge Elementary - a small field that was used for our soccer programs but we haven't used it in recent years. This field can now be used for rentals.
 - Holly Ridge Middle – softball field that is used for Tball in Spring and rentals.
 - Holly Grove Middle
 - Softball field that is used in the spring and fall for our programming and rentals.
 - Football stadium which is used for track and as a back up for football and rentals.
 - Holly Springs Elementary
 - 3 outdoor basketball courts available to the community after 5 pm.
 - Multi-purpose concrete slab that is available to the community after 5 pm.

- Multi-purpose field for rentals.
 - Holly Springs High School
 - Multi-purpose field that is used for rentals.
 - Baseball & Softball fields that are used in the Spring and Fall our programming and rentals.
 - 6 tennis courts that are used for our programming and available to the community after 5 pm.
- Womble Park
 - Turf fields that are used for our programming and rentals.
 - Baseball/Softball Quad that is used for our programming and rentals.
- North Main Athletic Complex
 - Baseball stadium that is used for licensing agreement with the Holly Springs Salamanders, rentals, and our programming.
 - Turf fields that are used for licensing agreement with Wake Futbol Club, rentals and our programming.
 - Tennis courts that are used for our programming, rentals and are available to the community on a first come, first serve basis if not already reserved.
- Sugg Farm is being used for a cricket rental and rentals for events as well as our events.
- Jones Park
 - Baseball field that is used for our programming in the Fall and Spring.
 - Disc Golf Course that is open to the community.
- Rex fields are currently not being utilized for our programs, but is being used for rentals.

Schedule New Member Orientation: Motion to postpone scheduling new member orientation to the September meeting: Mr. Adams; Second; Mr. Slinkard; Vote: 7-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER TOPIC: Wake Futbol Club

OTHER BUSINESS: none

ADJOURN: There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.