



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2015 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Adams, Alice Reese, Wanda Holloway, Howard Slinkard, Jennifer Jones, Liz Stone, LeeAnn Plumer

ABSENT MEMBERS: Kari McCloud, Winston Shade

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheri Lee

STAFF PRESENT: Len Bradley, Adam Huffman, Lori Puzak

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

WAKE FUTBOL CLUB PRESENTATION by President David Allred: Wake Futbol Club was created 4 years ago. One goal that Wake FC had was to not compete with recreational soccer offered through the Parks and Recreation department but rather supplement the program. The club has fewer than 1,000 participants. It is very important to the organization to work with the community and to keep all partners within the town informed. The Wake FC opening weekend of the North Main Athletic Complex soccer facilities hosted 25 teams. NMAC is a convenient place to host Wake FC practices and tournaments because parents can drop off their kids for practice and then go to the Holly Springs Town Centre to shop or patronize some of the Town's restaurants after practice for dinner. Wake Futbol Club's vision for Holly Springs is to maintain the level of activity that they are currently experiencing and grow over the next few years. Through the partnership with the Town, Wake FC provides camps and clinics for both players and coaches. They also provide coaching for players that wish to advance beyond high school play.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve: Ms. Plumer; Second: Ms. Holloway; Vote: Unanimous; Meeting minutes approved with no corrections.

VOLUNTEER COACHES APPRECIATION: Mr. Adams would like to see a letter sent to all of the volunteer coaches on the behalf of the advisory committee. Mr. Bradley stated this could be done.

UPDATE ON SMOKING ORDINANCE AND VANDALISM: Mr. Huffman cited some instances of graffiti and destruction of town property since the ordinance was passed by Town Council. However, the installation of video cameras at our facilities has allowed the Town some recourse when the act is caught on video. Ms. Stone asked what the policy was about skateboarding in the picnic shelter at Womble. Mr. Huffman stated that there was no formal policy regarding skateboarding in the picnic shelters, but if the shelter has been rented then all

persons not affiliated with that rental are asked to leave. Staff has also secured the picnic tables within the shelter so that they cannot be moved by skateboarders. In regards to the Smoking Ordinance, the police department is responsible for the enforcement of that ordinance.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES:

Bass Lake- Bass Lake is scheduled to host a Catfish Tournament on September 19th and the Halloween Spooktacular will be held in October.

Cultural Center- TicketFest, which is when tickets go on sale for the Great Performance Series and Clean Comedy Series, was held on August 28th. The Cultural Center has sold approximately \$35,000 in tickets. The Great Performance Series open with the Classics IV on September 26th. North Tower performed at TicketFest with approximately 400 attendees, the highest attendance for the Summer at the Springs Outdoor Concert Series to date.

Hunt Center- The Fitness Membership Group Exercise program started on Tuesday, September 8th. Several monthly memberships have been purchased since this program has started. The classes are currently averaging 4-5 people per class, with the exception of cycling which is averaging 8-9 people. Town staff has been participating in the group exercise classes and seem to be satisfied. Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday. NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition will be held on Friday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. Athletic registration is as follows:

Program/League	Participants Registered	+Increase/-Decrease From Last Year
Youth Fall Soccer	735	+123
Intro to Soccer	96	Same (full capacity)
Intro to Football	48	Same
Youth Tackle Football	90	Same
Youth Cheerleading	51	+1
Youth Baseball/Softball	507	+44
Adult Softball	29 teams	-3 teams
Intro to Hoops	Currently open	
Youth Basketball	Opens September 21 for residents and October 5 for non-residents	

Home football games have been scheduled at the North Main Athletic Complex for September 19, September 26, and October 3.

Greenway System- Mr. Slinkard asked what the schedule was for the completion of the greenway master plan. Mr. Bradley stated that there is not a current schedule because there is no funding at this time. Parks and Recreation staff’s primary goal is to complete the greenway from the 55 Bypass that connects with Avent Ferry Rd. Mr. Slinkard asked how residents can express their desire to see a park built on the west side of Holly Springs. Mr. Bradley stated that there are two ways. First, residents should talk with their elected officials. The second way is to share what they would like to see done at a Town Council meeting during the public comment period. Ms. Lee also suggested that these comments be followed up with an email. This led to a discussion about possible funding sources for greenways, including grants, donations from developers, and Parks and Recreation Impact Fees paid by developers in lieu of land dedication.

Parks and Recreation Events- Bass Lake Day is scheduled for October 3rd at Bass Lake Park and the Haunted Hayride will return this year to Sugg Farm for two nights, October 30 & 31. Staff has added a hay wagon and will be selling prepaid tickets to accommodate crowds. Hollyfest is scheduled for October 31st at Sugg Farm.

BOND PROJECTS UPDATES: The work at NMAC that is in progress is being funded by the LOB and the Wake County Grant money, so there are technically no more bond projects. There are a few remaining punch list items that staff is working with the contractors to complete. We are close to receiving a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the concessions area. The new restrooms are almost complete. Staff will be meeting with the town attorney to discuss how to proceed with removing the dirt pile on the property. The committee asked if there was any feedback regarding the Holly Springs Salamanders season. There were 29 games with over 40,000 spectators. Holly Springs was 4th in the Coastal Plain League in attendance. Every weekend since the end of the Salamanders' season there have been events at the stadium coordinated by Creative Sports, mainly showcases for High school players and college scouts. The committee asked about the status of the community outreach events that were mentioned in their presentation before the Advisory Committee prior to the season opening. The staff will invite the Salamanders to present at a future meeting.

OCTOBER TOPIC: The October meeting is cancelled. Parks and Recreation staff will be attending the annual Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce retreat.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm. Motion: Ms. Stone; Second: Ms. Plumer; Vote: Unanimous.