



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2016 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

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

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Winston Shade

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hank Dickson

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve: Mr. Slinkard; Second: Ms. Stone; Vote: Unanimous; Meeting minutes approved 8-0 with no corrections.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None

**PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES:**

**Bass Lake-** Shitake & Oyster Mushroom Workshop was on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and was well attended; Bass Lake has partnered with Cabella's at several promotional events at their store; 85 hunters were certified at Bass Lake's Hunter Education Workshop on April 8th; Archery program continues to meet the maximum; Summer Camps are full.

**Cultural Center-** Beach Party Boys (March 12); Encore Youth Production of Seussical, Jr. was April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (3 shows in all); Clean Comedy Series featuring Will Durst is scheduled for April 23rd; Together On Center Stage (TOCS) has a show coming up on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16th; The Holly Springs Community Theater is presenting Dixie Swim Club April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Hunt Center-** Traditional Summer Camps registrations are approximately at half capacity; Intro to Soccer has 96 participants, which is the maximum; Baseball/Softball has 944 participants; Track & Field has 110 participants; Field rentals for this fiscal year is approximately \$340,000, and we average about 50 field rentals per week; the Group Exercise program is averaging 6-8 participants per class; Fitness Memberships are averaging anywhere between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per week.

**Parks and Recreation Events-** Spring Fling was held on March 19<sup>th</sup> and had approximately 2,000 attendees.

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Ordinance changes:** Council members Hank Dickson and Cheri Lee would like to see the advisory committee have a more active role with recommendations for items coming before town council. Ms. Jones made a motion to have the advisory committee work with Council Members Hank Dickson and Cheri Lee to revise the ordinance giving the committee a more active role on agenda items. Mr. Slinkard seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 8-0.

**Accessible playground equipment:** Gwen Petrella– The Holly Springs Stem and Stine Festival will be an annual event to raise money to donate to the Parks and Recreation Department for accessible playground equipment. There are grants that may be available that will match funds. The event is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the North Main Athletic Baseball Stadium. Possible activities include a silent auction, food trucks/vendors, music, and art vendors. This is a joint effort between the Kiwanis Club and the Civitan Club. Alice Reese recommended that we have a goal for what pieces we would like to add to the parks. Kelly O’Hara, the co-chair, is currently working with the special needs community to find out what the kids would like to have at the park. Motion: Ms. Stone made a motion to recommend waiving rental fees for the facility. Second: Jennifer Jones; Vote: Unanimous 8-0 in favor.

**NMAC Baseball Stadium noise issues:** Ms. Stone reported complaints from the residents of Oak Hall subdivision. The noise issue is not during the game play, but rather the music that plays between innings and during batting practice, particularly on Sunday mornings. The speakers have been repositioned so that they are not pointed at Oak Hall. The wind direction and cloud cover can impact how the noise carries. The only organization that is using the PA system currently is Wake Tech Baseball. Staff sets the volume level at the lowest point so that it can be heard in the stadium. Suggestions from Oak Hall residents include no music on Sunday mornings during batting practice and a calendar to notify residents of events. Lori Puzak showed the committee where to find the Sports & Leisure Tourism calendar on the Town’s website that has the events at all Park facilities.

**Beer Garden: Completion date June 1<sup>st</sup> for season opener**

**Expiring terms:** The three members whose terms will be expiring June 30, 2016 are Kevin Adams, Jennifer Jones (will not seek reappointment), and Wanda Holloway.

**MAY TOPIC:** Budget Presentation

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

**ADJOURN:** There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.