



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2017 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Ainslie, Tom Joyce, Alice Reese, Kevin Adams, Howard Slinkard, LeeAnn Plumer

ABSENT MEMBERS: Winston Shade, Liz Stone, Wanda Holloway

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Len Bradley, Adam Huffman, Lauren Martin

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve: Howard Slinkard; Second: Tom Joyce; Vote: Unanimous; Meeting minutes approved with no corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

DISCUSSION REGARDING WAKE COUNTY PROPOSAL TO ADD 250 MILES OF GREENWAYS IN ALL TOWNS

Kevin Adams opened the floor for discussion regarding thoughts or comments on Wake County's proposed plan on adding 250 miles of greenways. The funding for this greenway expansion would come from the County. Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Adam Huffman commented that he was not aware of the additional funding but commented on the County's Master Plan for greenway connectivity.

FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MONTH ON TOWN FACILITIES USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Parks and Recreation staff has addressed the Advisory Committees concerns regarding social media use for each facility.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 17-18

Parks and Recreation staff submitted the 17-18 fiscal year budget to the Town Manager and Town Council is currently reviewing it. Parks and Recreation staff will have more information next month.

DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Advisory Committee members Howard Slinkard, Winston Shade, and Brian Ainslie's terms are ending June 30, 2017. Town Council will be voting for the new committee members at the next Town Council meeting. The election of officers will take place at the July Advisory Committee meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES:

Bass Lake-Bass Lake staff had six field trips in April, teaching a total of 300 kids and 25 seniors. Staff attended Holly Springs High School Career Expo and had a great turnout to promote current jobs available at Bass Lake. Staff also attended Frog Festival at Crowder Park to promote Bass Lake. Bass Lake had one catfish tournament with 30 participants. Turlefest is this weekend. There is going to be a shuttle from Holly Springs Elementary School going back and forth to help with traffic and parking. Water and sewer is going in at Sugg Farm.

Cultural Center- Cultural Center finished the Great Performance Series and Clean Comedy acts. Staff is finalizing next season and looking into some new ideas. Examples are lowering ticket prices for all performance types, offering season subscriptions to the Great Performance Series shows, and offering "not clean" comedy options. Summer at the Springs starts up next month. There will be the usual cover bands along with a Beatles tribute and a surf reggae group. Tickets for Finding Patience are on sale now. There are 11 shows from June 5-17. The Cultural Center staff invites all Parks & Recreation Advisory members to attend in support of local history and local theater.

Hunt Center- Summer camps are full. Hunt Center staff expanded the 8-10 year old age groups to take more participants. Hunt Center will have 150 kids per week for summer camp. Soccer is winding down and softball and baseball are still going strong. Athletics is always staying busy.

North Main Athletic Complex-Wake Tech finished baseball season. NMAC hosted Wake County's Field of Dreams event for Holly Springs and Fuquay. There are three soccer camps scheduled this summer with international players. A USSSA Tournament is secured for July. Playground and batting cages are completed. Staff will sod or seed the perimeter around the playground and batting cages. Everything will be completed by the first Salamanders game.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee member LeeAnn Plumber asked if Parks and Recreation staff had decided on a software program. Parks and Recreation staff has decided to go with RecTrac.

Committee member Alice Reese commented on the Parks and Recreation soccer season. She said the coaches and refs were great and the fields were well maintained. Overall a great season! Thanks Alice!

JUNE TOPIC:

The Advisory Committee has requested Kathleen Herbert, the Cultural Center Manager to present the 17-18 Performing Arts Series at the June meeting.

ADJOURN: There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Action:

Motion:

Second:

Vote: Unanimous