



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2011 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Adams, Ken Henke, Kari McCloud, Wanda Holloway, Stephane Daniel, Erin Massarelli

ABSENT MEMBERS: Peter Koutroumpis, Monica Fanjoy, Linda Hunt Williams, Marty Buckwald,

STAFF PRESENT: Julia Meder, Len Bradley, Landon Carroll

CALL TO ORDER: Kevin called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF 03/10/11 MINUTES: Minutes approved.

FOOTBALL UPDATE: Landon Carroll, Athletics Program Manager attended the meeting to answer questions and give a status update on the football program. One team per age group played in the East Wake Football League last season. Numbers were down last year and it is thought that this was due to the opening of the new middle school. Games were played for the first time at Holly Grove Middle school through the Joint Use Agreement so the department did not have to rent field space. The department maintains the field and lights in exchange for program use. Practices take place on the High School multipurpose field through a Joint Use Agreement as well. Players played through the East Wake Football League. The only complaints from the season were in regards to the positions assigned to players. No other issues. This year the department is expecting similar registration numbers. Online registration will be available on the second day of registration. The plan is to have one team per age group unless registration numbers increase. None of the head coaches are returning but several previous assistant coaches and head coaches from other leagues have offered to head coach. It is thought that the reason none of the head coaches are returning is due to the time commitment and responsibility as many of the head coaches do return as assistant coaches. Kevin asked if Johnny had followed up on some concerns with the league director. Concerns include weight limits, unfair practices, and the best interests of Holly Springs players. Landon explained that weight limits are set and followed. Players are weighed at each game and if they are over the weight limit, they are not allowed to play. Some towns have low registration numbers and by the end of the season are forced to forfeit games. Other towns have high registration numbers and are able to have two teams in the age group. The league offers 2-3 meetings per year regarding the season. Landon shared that through this league there is a booster club and this club provides the players with trophies. The league seems concerned with teaching fundamentals, life lessons, and staying focused on playing rather than only being competitive.

OTHER ITEMS: Kari shared that she would send out information about an upcoming workshop at NCSU that she thought board members might be interested in attending.

ADJOURN: There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.