



**Town of Holly Springs
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00 pm

Town Hall, 128 S. Main Street, Holleman Meeting Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Cicora, Alice Reese, Liz Stone, Susan Smith, Jason Guetgemann, Molly Sapienza, Gerry Martinez De Andino, Len Lloyd

ABSENT MEMBERS: Mark DiGiacomo

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Villadsen, Christine Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: LeeAnn Plumer, Adam Huffman, Matt Beard, Lori Puzak, Frank Jagoda, Matt Beard

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order 7:00 by Chair Stone

Minutes

Approve the November 14, 2019 minutes: motion, Ken Cicora. Second, Molly Sapienza

Public Comment Period

Each speaker is asked to limit comments to 3 minutes, and the total comment period will be 15 minutes or less. Citizens should sign up with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Clerk to speak prior to the start of the meeting. Although the Advisory Committee is interested in hearing your concerns, speakers should not expect action or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate town officials or staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda. Thank you for your consideration of the Advisory Committee, staff and other speakers.

James (Jimmy) Catten of 105 Riding Ridge Road in Fuquay-Varina, a coach for HSP&R U-10 boys All-Star team, spoke on behalf of the All-Star players and coaches looking for more opportunities for the All-Star players. Coach Catten's concern is the kids in the league who are a step above park and rec. have little options to play their level except through the All-Star team which has a very short two-week session. He asked if the Town will add a soccer club level to their offerings to extend play for the kids with talent but without having to pay to play private clubs.

Presentations

A. Introduction of new staff members by LeeAnn: Matt Beard, Park Planner; Frank Jagoda, Sports Complex Manager. Each then provided a brief history of their educational and professional experience.

1. Matt Beard: Recruited from Holly Springs Planning & Zoning Dept. BLA from Penn St. Planning Master's Degree. Currently working on securing greenways all over town. Consultant interviews to patch Middle Creek greenway to connect to Apex. Likewise, negotiating contract with consultant on revising greenways masterplan. Wants to set an example for neighboring communities rather than following.

2. Frank Jagoda: Past experience includes a sports complex manager & former USA baseball coach. Frank just started Monday & has been getting to know Town employees and sports partners. Welcome Frank!

B. Wake FC – David Allred

1. Appreciative of Town and contributions of Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Recognizes that Parks and Recreation provide more to community than athletic opportunities such as community building.
3. Wake FC is limited to Holly Springs
4. Club provides several levels of competition.
5. Worked with Town to create an identity & purpose separate from Town of Holly Springs Parks and Recreation Dept. While sharing resources and contributing to joint use of facilities. For example, contributed to removable mound at Ting to enable tournament usages for Wake FC.
6. Won't take players from Park & Rec.
7. Offers scholarships to players.
8. Goals for this year, looking to work with Salamanders now that mound is removable. Looking to run a world class professional organization.
9. Getting kids on college soccer teams is the Club's focus and academics is always prioritized because you can't get into a good college if grades are not adequate.
10. TC Member Kelly is appreciative of Wake FC's contribution to facilities and their community support.
 - a. Wake FC contributes around \$200K/year.
11. ±70% of players are from Holly Springs, actual number is difficult to determine. Will need to involve more players from other areas to keep club afloat and keep Challenge and Select & Junior levels at top tier competitively. *PRAC would like specific numbers.*
 - a. Chair Stone inquired about growth. Would we see a Wake FC north vs. south? David: No WFC south, it is simply Wake FC. Wake FC is mostly Holly Springs, Garner & F-V because ToHS has superior fields.
 - b. David, intent of club is not to inundate Holly Springs with out of town players. More to provide a challenging opportunity for kids who excel and have out-grown P&R soccer abilities.
12. Chair Stone voiced concern that as a partner with Town WFC is treating fields and facilities respectfully, ie: enforcing "no dog" policy and following town policies for use. David agrees.
13. Planned Community involvement includes theme nights and partnering with local law enforcement. Also, military appreciation days.
14. Dedicated to "keeping it local". Printing etc. all utilizes local business.

Reports

A. Council Update – CM Villadsen

1. TC has had 2 meetings since last PRAC meeting. (PRAC members encouraged to read minutes from TC meeting for a synopsis of CM Villadsen's report.)
2. TC Member Kelly: TC is now asking more questions including a larger view of how project affects town as a whole.

- B. Tree Advisory Committee – Susan
 - 1. Contract for replacement trees is being finalized with Davis Landscaping.
 - 2. 11 trees installed at Blooming Meadows road, plans for arbor day and spring fling are underway.
 - 3. Application for Tree City has been submitted.

- C. Director's Update – LeeAnn Plumer
 - 1. P & R Master Plan: Contracted with McAdams for Master Plan Update. McAdams will present to P&R advisory board.
 - 2. Park Ordinance: Efforts will come back to PRAC in Feb.
 - 3. Future Parks:
 - a. Town has Identified a parcel west of 55 for acquisition. Working diligently to move forward bc a design will be required to identify a project cost for inclusion on the next Bond.
 - b. Arbor Creek Greenway extension and maintenance also needs a preliminary design and cost estimation for inclusion in the Bond.
 - 4. Dec. 17th Council approved Sugg Farm Restroom shelter purchase.
 - 5. Bass Lake Facilities have been undergoing cleaning and re-organizing.
 - 6. Public Works is putting a water line along School Days Lane. Construction fencing is up if we get any questions on that.
 - 7. Carolina Broadcast Company & Town's contract for Ting includes an amended agreement which allows Town to use facility more.
 - 8. Community Feedback and evaluations:
 - a. Special needs survey on social media now to discover if this is a need to increase their level of service.
 - 9. Social Media Engagement with PRAC Members
 - a. 4 members have not been shared. Please provide Rachel with info. if we have not done it already.
 - 10. PRAC membership recruitment will start Feb 1. Current members Ken, Mark & Gerry terms are up in June 2020. They will have to resubmit an application to request reappointment.

- D. Operations Update – Adam Huffman
 - 1. Soccer registration began Monday, 463 already registered!
 - 2. Hunt Center is also undergoing some maintenance

New Business

- A. February Meeting Agenda items
 - 1. Committee Goals for 2020, What projects do we want to be involved with and what does that look like to use our time wisely.
 - a. Followed with PRAC presenting accomplishments to TC in December.
 - 2. Timing of officer elections

Discussion was held regarding the need to have the election of officers at a later meeting and not at the first meeting that new members attend. A recommendation was made to hold the election of officers at the second meeting of the fiscal year to allow time for new members to gather information and learn the roles and duties of the officers.

- Motion made by Vice Chair Cicora to vote for new officers at the second meeting. Seconded by: Vote was unanimous
3. Neither the PRAC's Chair or Vice Chair is able to attend the February meeting.

Announcements / Information Share

- A. Follow up to December policy agenda item: Does the committee want to have a conversation and make a recommendation to Board about the current policy which allows firearms at playfields and parks.
 - 1. A definition of play fields would be necessary or establish criteria naming where the policy would be enforced.
 - 2. All members present agreed this topic should be added to the February agenda.

- B. Potentially move next meeting to Thursday Feb. 6th to have a robust conversation of the 3 discussion topics identified. Please notify Liz if anyone does not think they can attend.

Adjournment

Motion: Gerry Second: Susan

Meeting Adjourned