

**Joint Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Pam Giardiello
Lester Belk
Tim Hallman
James Rusty Carson, III
Tiffany Whaley
Gerald Vetter
Beverly Caskey

Members Absent

Erica Abbott
Quinton Rodgers

Staff Present

Hal Hiott
Teresa Willis

- I. **Call To Order:** Meeting was call to order by Lester Belk
- II. **Approval of March Minutes -** Motion was made to approve minutes for March by Tiffany Whaley and second by Rusty Carson. All in Favor.
- III. **Public Comments –** No one present
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. **Discussion of January 2016 Minutes and letter received from Lancaster Dixie Youth Chairman Larry Small.** Discussion was centered on minutes under new Business Section B. The section that read “Lester and Erica feel that the existing Dixie Board is no good; attitude not positive and very negative toward recreation department. The Commission discussed what was actually said and meant.

James Carson made the motion to amend the January 2016 Minutes under Section B to read “The process between the two organizations coming together was not going well and no merger could be met”.

Seconded by Tiffany Whaley. All in favor.

Chairman Lester Belk requested any further meetings between Dixie Youth Org, and LCPR be in a formal setting with both board members from both org. present.

The Commission asked Hal to send a letter to the Dixie Youth Board apologize for any misunderstanding and that we hope we can work together in the future
 - b. **Grand Opening of the Cross State Bridge is still on schedule.** Both North Carolina side and South Carolina side have sent out formal invitations. Parking for the ceremony will be at Nesbit Park on the North Carolina side. All TV and Newspaper media have been notified also.
 - c. **T-Ball/Swing League Jamboree.** Micky informed Hal we are up by 5 teams from last year and that all teams are sponsored. The Jamboree is still set for May 7th at the Springdale Complex.

- d. Hal and Steve Lambert have been in discussion for installing the Disc Golf course at the Springdale Complex. Eat Smart Move More applied for Grants and was approved to get these put in throughout the county. Steve and the LCPR Staff will work together to get the course set up. Hal said it can be put in a day. Along with the grant they were given 60 disc so the public will have them to use. The Springdale office will have to come up with a plan in order to give the disc out for public use and have them returned. Side note Pam Giardiello wants to possibly have a fund raiser using the Golf Disc Course for a tournament.
- e. Farmers Market with the LCSD Arts Agg's program was a success. All high schools participated and had a great success on selling their items. Great Community turn out also.
- f. I & R Committee update Hal meet with today April 12th. At the last meeting they had in March the committee chaired by Larry Honeycutt wanted a full detailed report of the Maintenance operation on LCPR parks. Rob and Hal worked on getting that information together for them. Rob keeps records of each park and what has been done, worked on, repaired, and needs repair. Hal composed a brief summary from the last 3 months for playground inspections. Every park that LCPR maintains was on the list. The I & R committee was very impressed with all the parks and Maintenance that have been done. Larry thanked Hal for the information.

V. Old Business

- A. The New Swim Team program went over very well with all returning parents. They had good reports on it. Pool Maintenance is going well. Paddocks will be handling the hair line cracks in the pool for repair. Hal suggested that we try to keep the pool full of water to help with that in future repair. Between the cold weather and the sun that is what causes these fractures in the wall of the pool. Having the water would reduce the repair cost in the future. The VFD's will allow for pool to run continuous year round.
- B. Pam is wanting to know how the search is going for possibly funding the judges that need to be qualified officials. The cost/expense for that search was ask also. Hal with get with Katherine to get the information.
- C. LCPR had to negotiate with the company putting up the safety netting at the Buford Recreation Center. Project came in over budget. So in return the company will put up the poles, clips on 4 fields and LCPR will purchase the netting and put up ourselves.
- D. Met with the Steve and the Financial Department on the 2016-2017budget. They informed LCPR that the budget will remain the same as the 2015-2016 budget. But they did ask Hal to get a list of the two top needs that LCPR needs/wants. Hal gave them 1) New Sport Supervisor and 2) Software Program for Registrations/Contacts. They came back and ask if they had to pick just 1 of those needs which would they pick. Hal and Katherine picked the Software for that is a onetime fee.

- E. The Kershaw land update. Steve Willis was asked to talk with Mitch Lucas the Interim City Administrator for Kershaw. They want to know the plan they are going with. There is an additional 100 acres behind the Kershaw Recreation on North Matson Street. County Councilman Jack Estridge noted if the town of Kershaw sales that land he does not think that LCPR's Recreation should be located near an Industrial park. He would like to relocate near the Fork Hill Rd near the ballfield there.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner James Carson wanted to add that the Indian Land's indoor facilities are running out of space for the children to have practice verses games. They are not getting to practice at all. Also mentioned was a plan to hopeful relieve some of that if the Recreation Building was sold. The commission also spoke about the School Bond referendum being passed. Hopefully it passing will ease some of the concern there.

Director's Comments:

Hal spoke on the Little League program that LCPR sanctions under. Hal and Tommy (Sports Supervisor of the Little League Program) feels that LCPR needs to move in other directions. Noting some issues with Little League Franchise are as follows.

- 1) LL is requesting that Lancaster Franchise enter 2 All Star Teams in the 11/12 yr old. We only have 4 teams in that age group. The concern is trying to fill 1 team, much less two teams. LCPR sent in a request to only have 1 tournament team but was denied. A second letter is being sent with the District Director over our division. Franchise Fees are getting very expense. Hal also gave several different league options that LCPR could turn to. He also stated that Little League is declining in the area with all of the other franchises out there and travel ball being played. He stated that Dixie Youth Franchise is very strong in communicating and working with each area personally and putting faces with names. It would be very helpful to try to work with our local franchise on that.
- 2) On Thursday April 14 the county's Admin Committee will discuss the Hospitality Tax as a way of funding recreation facilities.
- 3) The County Attorney John Weaver is negotiating and working on a plan for land for a new Indian Land Recreation Center. Hal talked with John Weaver and stated that a 10 - 12 acres at a minimum would be needed. Hal already drew up a plan of a mock recreation that could be taken into consideration for any future plans.

Motion made by Tim Hallman to adjourn. Second by Gerald Vetter. All in Favor

Respectfully submitted by:

Teresa Willis - LCPR