

Joint Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Tim Hallman
Erica Abbott
Gerald Vetter
Lester Belk

Beverly Caskey
Tiffany Whaley
Quinton Rodgers

Members Absent

James R. Carson, III
Pam Giardiello

Staff Present

Hal Hiott
Katherine Walters

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Lester Belk
- II. **Approval of June 2016 Minutes**- Erica made motion to approve; Tiffany Whaley second; All in favor.
- III. **Public Comments**-None
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Fall Registration Underway**- Hal- fall registration started last week and will go through next Friday (Aug 19); we are not using software for that but we are still going ahead and entering participants to get them in the system.
 - B. **Software Update**- Katherine- We have the software and we are steadily entering all of our participants and fees, etc into the system. We plan to go live on October 1. It will be a big change for our department but in a very good way.
 - C. **Information given to County Council on Operations of New Complex** – Hal-Council received a packet of information that Katherine & I put together. It had info including budget, project plans, etc. We met with Hartsville and included a lot of information on how they run Byerly Park. It included timelines, what a potential cost of a complex would be and all upgrades to current facilities. The idea is year one we would collect money and indicate how much we can plan to collect each year. Then work on some of the upgrades and after that find out how much we can bond out to pay/build new complex.
 - D. **Results of Second Reading of Hospitality Sales Tax** – Hal- We had good representation at the second reading and really good speakers. Council indicated they are really in favor of implementing the hospitality tax.
 - E. **Contingency Funds** –Hal- we had money left from last budget year and we will have some left over from this past budget year. We won't know the exact amount until the final audits are complete.
 - F. **Buford HVAC Units in Gym** – Hal – The units out at Buford Rec Center are down and still struggling getting them all running. Currently the units are the current size that we need for that facility. If we have enough money in contingency then we could spend some of that to replace the units. We will need to get 20 ton units and the cost estimate would be around \$30,000.

- G. Pardue Street Park Improvements** – Hal- This is a City park that’s next to Pardue Street apartments. It was in really bad shape. We’ve had vandalism issues, a car that hit a fence, major cracks in the cement of basketball courts along with tree roots growing under them. There was a lot of trash that had been dumped in a wooded area. We spent last week over there and did a lot of work. We cut/trimmed trees, put up new basketball backboards, painted cement wall, playground, etc. We do have it closed right now until we finish the work on basketball court. The city will be working on that.
- H. Picture Contract-** Hal- We will be using a different photographer this year. We have talked to Bill Fortune and he has been very understanding and told me that he just couldn’t compete with some of these other companies. The new company is TSS Photography.
- I. New Afterschool Year-** Hal- After school will start next week. We’ve got a lot of great staff. I met with our 3 main site supervisors today (Lanc, Buf, & IL) and discussed some concerns about being able to work full time. They really could use the time, but the budget is set. So what we are going to do on a trial basis is give them another hour and they will flex out employees toward end of program each day to save salaries. Next year we can ask for more money.
- J. Staff Training and Conference September meeting-** Hal- We are all going to be gone to our annual conference in Greenville, SC from September 10-14. Myself, Katherine, Tommy, Mickey, Tyree & Mike will be going this year.
- K. Date Change for JRC September Meeting-** Hal- Since we will be at conference on the typical meeting date, we will reschedule our September Joint Recreation Commission meeting to Tuesday, September 20, 2016.
- L. Meeting with Municipal Administrators scheduled for September 8, 2016-** Hal- We have a meeting scheduled with the City Administrator, Heath Springs Administrator, Kershaw Administrator and County Administrator to discuss giving back the pocket parks to the municipality to take care of and eliminate the annual appropriations. No decision would be made immediately as we are just discussing it and filling them out.
- M. Final Approved Budget-** Hal- We were cut a little and had to shuffle some things around, but it is final and pretty close to what we had last year. I will send out budget documents so you can all know where we stand each month.

V. Old Business

- A. Farmers Market Update** – Hal – Farmers are having to go buy other goods because their plants are very dry. The fall stuff will start to come in before too long.
- B. Pool and High School Swim Team** – Hal – High school swim team has started practice. We’ve got their schedules now and will schedule lifeguards accordingly. Public swim will close after Sunday.
- C. Update on Dixie Softball State Tournaments** – Hal- Our Angels and Ponytails teams played in the state tournaments back in July and they both won one game. The Angels team won the Sportsmanship award.
- D. Land Appraisal at AJ Recreation Center Site**– Hal- We just got the appraisals back last week. There’s four acres of the land that the building sits on. The appraisals on building and property were \$600,000. The land behind it appraised for \$85,000. But they already met and decided on an approximate figure of \$57,000 to be sold to the Town of Kershaw. I’ll send the paperwork to PARD and once that’s approved the County will proceed with the sale.

VI. Commissioner's Comments

- i. Gerry Vetter asked has anything else come up about a Rec Center in IL. Hal stated that because they killed the Avondale project, the talk of a new recreation center in IL is dead now. He mentioned that through this project there were deals on the table to help pay for a new recreation center in IL. So right now there is nothing else really in the works. Steve did mention talking to a developer to sell the frontage property and build a new recreation center behind the current one and have road access off Collins Road.
- ii. Gerry Vetter also mentioned that Red Ventures will be building ball fields and we should find out if they will be open to the public for use.
- iii. Tim Hallman mentioned that the commission may want to update the strategic plan since he had been a few years since it was established. Hal stated we would start meeting again on that and get it updated.

VII. Director's Comments

- i. Hal- Steve asked me to clean up the properties that the school district still owns. The three were Flat Creek Park, Heath Springs ball fields, and South. Flat Creek we actually own and have owned since the early 2000's. Heath Springs ball fields we use so we wrote the school district to ask if they would deed it and the parking lot over to us. South has major issues and we don't want to sink the money in it if we don't own it. There was a letter written about this property for them to take that back as we don't use it all that much anymore due to its condition. We would do this maybe next budget year to give them time to plan. They are having a meeting next week and will get back to us.

Motion was made to adjoin meeting by Tim Hallman; Erica Abbott made the second motion. All in favor.

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Katherine Walters, Assistant Director

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- I. Call to Order- Meeting called to order by Lester Belk
- II. Approval of May 2016 Minutes – Motion made to approve minutes by Erica Abbott second by Beverly Caskey. All in Favor
- III. SOP Changes – Katherine- presented typed proposed changes.
 - 1) Increase All-Star fee from \$35 to \$40 and \$20 to \$25 for PeeWee (7-8's)
 - 2) In playoffs, modify
 - a) If there are three divisions, the top two teams in each division will advance. If there are four divisions then the top two teams from each division will advance.
 - b) For soccer only, point differential will be used in this fashion: points/goals allowed, then points/goals scored.
 - 3) Soccer- Modify (7-8) age group to 9v9 and play on mid-size field.
 - 4) Baseball- If don't merge with Dixie, propose going County Baseball. Rules will be determined at that time. If County baseball, will play in-house All-Stars.
 - 5) Draft/Distribution of players proposal (Implement before Basketball to give us time to get acclimated to software)
 - a) Player evaluations will be conducted following registration for every age group in every sport. *Exception:* Instructional leagues, T-Ball, Swing league- they will continue to be blindly drafted with no returning players.
 - b) Coaches will determine ranking for each child at evaluations. If a child does not attend skills evaluation, then they will be ranked automatically as a "3", unless majority coaches agree that child should be ranked higher.
 - c) Majority consensus will determine what the final child's ranking will be.
 - d) If a child was an all-star the previous year, they will automatically be ranked as a "1".

- e) NO RETURNERS ON ANY TEAMS IN ANY SPORT IN ANY AGE GROUP
 - f) Head Coach, One Assistant Coach, & Sponsor will be the only guarantees.
 - g) Will draft according to ranking. (Example: After guarantees are made, coaches will select players: #1's first, until they are all gone, then #2's, then #3's. If a coach already has a #1 ranked player in their 3 guarantees- like a coach's or sponsor's child, then they will have to sit first round in drafting the #1 draft to even up with all other teams.
 - h) Assistant coach must decide which Head Coach to assist. If he/she can't decide a coin flip will determine it.
- ** This policy may need to be altered during first year as we see things that may not work for the betterment of the program and its participants.
- 6) Do away with player participation certificates and go back to participation medals for non-competitive leagues where there are no play-offs.
 - 7) Increase some of the ASP/SDC attendance fees listed below:
 - a) ASP partial days (teacher ½ days, incimate weather ½ days, etc.) increase from \$10 per day to \$11 per day- one child and increase from \$6 per day to \$7 per day for two or more children.
 - b) ASP all day multiple kids beyond 2 kids increase from \$6 per day to \$8 per day
 - c) SDC 2nd child increase from \$6 per day to \$7 per day
 - d) SDC multiple kids beyond 2 kids increase from \$3 per day to \$4 per day

Erica asked the purpose of item (e) under the #5 Draft/Distribution of Players policy and suggested that be taken out as didn't think it was needed. A motion was made to approve all above changes with the exception of #5 item (e). Gerry Vetter made first motion and second was by Pam Giardiello. All in favor.

Further discussion was made and Tiffany Whaley made a motion to amend item (e) under the #5 Draft/Distribution of Players and re-number/letter those in a different order.

- 5) Draft/Distribution of players proposal (Implement before Basketball to give us time to get acclimated to software)
 - a) Each participant will re-enter the draft each year.
 - b) Head Coach, One Assistant Coach, & Sponsor will be the only guarantees.
 - c) Player evaluations will be conducted following registration for every age group in every sport. *Exception:* Instructional leagues, T-Ball, Swing league- they will continue to be blindly drafted with no returning players.
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 - f) If a child was an all-star the previous year, they will automatically be ranked as a "1".
 - g) Will draft each year according to ranking from skill evaluations. (Example: After guarantees are made, coaches will select players: #1's first, until they are all gone, then #2's, then #3's. If a coach already has a #1 ranked player in their 3 guarantees- like a coach's or sponsor's child, then they will have to sit first round in drafting the #1 draft to even up with all other teams.

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Above are the correct changes to #5, Second motion made by Gerry Vetter. All in favor.

IV. Directors Comments – Hal- June 27 is next County Council meeting. Would love to have some support in naming hospitality tax towards recreation.

Motion made by Erica Abbott to adjourn the meeting. Second by Beverly Caskey. All in Favor

Respectively Submitted by:

Katherine Walters, Assistant Director