

Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Dan Saffer
David Aspesi
Tim Hallman
Jonathan Faulkenberry
Joe McGriff

Members Absent

Quinton Rodgers
Erica Abbott

Staff Present

Hal Hiott
Katherine Small

- I. Call to Order-Meeting was called to order by Tim Hallman
- II. Approval of Agenda- Motion made by David Aspesi to approve. 2nd by Dan Saffer. All in Favor.
- III. Approval of October Minutes - Motion made by Dan Saffer to approve minutes. 2nd by David Aspesi. All in Favor
- IV. Public Comments: No One Attended
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Basketball Number and Information:** Hal: Basketball registration is over and practices have started. We have 87 teams county wide roughly 800+ kids involved. Practices have started in all LCPR Gyms. Indian Land Elementary School is allowing us to use Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights for practices. Which has helped the Indian Land over flow of kids. Tim Hallman discussed wanting to see how Harrisburg Elementary felt about the use. Katherine said at this time it is still a no. Katherine has discussed the possibility of having to cap the number of kids signing up in the Indian Land and Lancaster area. Those two areas have just out grown the capacity of the facilities. Also discussed was the number of kids on teams, right now average of 10 some age groups (older) have up to 12 on the team. Hal feels once the soccer fields are put in place beside of Harrisburg, they may can negotiate something for usage that they both can agree on
 - B. **Central District & State Soccer Information:** Hal: Soccer All-Star has been chosen and in place for practicing. LCPR is hosting the first All Girls State Tournament. We will be hosting the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 15U girl's leagues starting November 22 & 23. Games will be held at the Buford High School Stadium and the Buford Recreation Soccer fields. LCPR is also hosting the Central District boys teams 10U and 12U at the Buford Recreation Center.
 - C. **PARD Grant work update for Springdale Fields:** Hal: Fencing is completed and looks really good. Tracey Pope won the bid for this project. We have a lot more room and looking at maybe adding some Crape Myrtles. The Concession building has been contracted out and will be painted soon. Also the AC has been contracted out to Robertson Heating and Air and work will begin on Thursday, Nov 14th weather permitting.
 - D. **Bonds Projects Design Firm Chosen for Soccer Facilities:** Hal: The Protest Period has ended for the Bond Soccer Projects.. The design firm awarded was Woopert. The goal for opening the new complex will be Fall of 2020 or Spring of 2021. No partial opening will happen until total completion.

- E. **Bond Project Design Firm Information Process for IL Rec Center Project:** Hal: The Indian Land Recreation Bond Project has been awarded just waiting on the Protest Period to end. LCPR is looking for a completion date of 2021 in the fall but could go to Spring of 2022. Question was asked by Dan how they would handle the programs and sports at the center while construction was going on. Katherine stated they would stay in the old Recreation Center until the completion of the New building once that part was completed they would reverse and move into the new and remodel the old.
- F. **Budget Amendment Passes 1st Reading to Help Fund Rec Center Project:** Budget Amendment was not only for Recreation but also other county departments. By amending the budget the boat landing and the Recreation Department would benefit from it. It is going to give LCPR another full time maintenance worker, and money to purchase land (89 acres) for the new sports complex that is to be built off Highway 521. They will use Hospitality money to pay back money's. Also the frontage of the new park will be maintained by HOA.
- G. **Part Time Maintenance People last week of Work:** Hal: The 3 seasonal guys have been let go. We are hoping to be able to rehire in the spring 2020. Since we are gaining a new employee with the Spring Park upgrades, we hope to possible re-hire there.
- H. **Dep. Roy Harding Volunteer Clean up in Conj. w/ SC Palmetto Pride Kick off "Grab a Bag":** Hal: The weekend of the November 15 we are doing a cleanup at Roy Hardin Park. We will have a maintenance guy there with all the tools and clean up supplies needed. We will not have anyone operating a chainsaw for trees and bushes. Only LCPR Maintenance employee will be doing that. Dave ask if dogs were allowed in that park? Katherine stated that it was dog friendly and had a dog waste station there.
- I. **2020/2021 Budget Update:** Katherine: We have already started prepping for the 2020-2021 budget. All program supervisors and athletic persons and working on their programs and getting them ready. County is making adjustments to the upcoming year budget. Hal and Katherine will be attending a budget meeting in 2 weeks to see what to expect.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Springs Park Boat Landing Update:** Hal: Duke Energy has already started clearing the land. The completion/opening should be January 2020.
- B. **Planning Session and Input for the Projects:** Hal & Katherine: LCPR director is wanting the Advisory Board to talk with the community in their area to get ideas and goals. Hal wants them to attend meetings if all possible.
- C. **Barnett Building News:** Hal: Staff is still on hold. IT department is now moving into the room they had original told us we would move into. They now have moved us around the corner and that will be a permanent location. Hopefully moving in late January early February of 2020.
- D. **Buford Upgrades:** Hal: Lineberger Inc. cut cable during the project out at Buford. At this time over 2 miles of cable have to be replaced. With that they are going to have to dig up part of the parking lot and repave when corrected with irrigation contractor. Lineberger will pay the cost of this. When repaving they will be adding a speed bump on the hill. Trees were planted and looks great. The Portable bathroom is coming together and will be there in Spring of 2020.
- E. Hal: All trees that were down and over grown were taken care of. Tim ask why the City would not help with these kind of situations since they have a bucket truck. Hal and Jonathan both stated liability purpose.

VII. Advisory Board Comments-

- A. Dan thought the process of evaluating the Soccer Field Projects was very interesting and a learning experience. Room to negotiate pricing when bidding out things.

VIII. Director's / Deputy Director Comments-

The new staff hired is doing a great job and adjusted well. Brought in some new ideas and programs. Hal also stressed the importance of partnering with the schools. Katherine also adding that since using the Indian Land Elementary School LCPR is paying for a school staff member 1 hr before practice and 1 hr after practice to open and close the building. We pay the school district from an invoice.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Saffer and 2nd by David Aspesi. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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