

Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 8th, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Dan Saffer
David Aspesi
Tim Hallman
Quinton Rodgers
Erica Abbott

Members Absent

Jonathan Faulkenberry
Joe McGriff

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 Erica Abbott. All in Favor.
- III. Approval of September Minutes - Motion made by Erica Abbott to approve minutes. 2nd by Quinton Rodgers. All in Favor
- IV. Public Comments: No One Attended
- V. New Business**
 - A. Hal: LCPR is starting the 2nd week of Basketball registration and we already have about 120 kids County wide signed up. Tim wanted to know the layout of the program and how it works in favor of the kids. Hal and Katherine both went over the procedures, rules, general technique and ages of each group. Katherine then mention that all games would be on Saturdays. She also stated the Indian Land area would possibly have the Indian Land Elementary Gym for practices during the week along with our center. Board wanted to know about the All Purpose buildings being used for that. Katherine stated that Indian Land does not have one at this time and that David Small did not even give that as an option for use in any area. Dan Saffer did state that the Indian Land Wrestling Program did use the I.L. Elementary Gym on Tuesday and Thursdays for practices. They mentioned Harrisburg but Katherine did state that was a firm no. LCPR needed the approval of the principals of the schools and some were just on board at this time for LCPR programs to use them.
 - B. Hal: He stated we were approved for the PARD Grant. Springdale Complex is coming along. Fencing was already down. He also stated that the price for the fencing will be higher due to steel increase. With that they had to change a few things in the PARD Grant. The changes that will happen now is that the shading will not happen at this time. The AC unit went out a few weeks ago. The new project along with fencing will be replacing the old AC unit, paint the concession building, upgrade all 3 restrooms. We are getting pricing on the painting now. Hal sent letter to Alisha Cushman with the PARDS Department a letter of the modifications of the Grant.
 - C. Hal: County Council did approve the Springs Park upgrade by a vote of 4-3. There were several questions about the project. What made the difference in the vote for the project was that the local State Legislature's brought an additional \$100,000.00 to the total. Which brought the amount from \$400,000 to \$300,000 for the county to pay. Hal and Katherine agree this will be a great opportunity for the community to have these amenities available. LCPR will get a new full time maintenance employee and hopefully have them hired by January of 2020.

- D. Katherine: She and Hal believe LCPR should consider going to a 501-3C . She explained that LCPR is losing out on a lot of opportunities for major endorsements such as naming rights, sponsors for children that not be able to afford to play etc. Companies are wanting that 501-3C write off. Also discussed was that other agencies in South Carolina go through the Foundation of the Carolinas. They have specials boards approved just for 501-3C. LCPR could use the Advisory Board as that for the foundation and have additional community members added for this. Having that title would allow LCPR to apply for more Grants and that money could be used future amenities, parks, and any equipment needed to upgrade parks and fields that we operate now. She is seeking more information for this project and will have more on cost of getting it started and the legal part of it hopefully by next meeting in November if not in the December Advisory Meeting.
- E. Hal: All sports programmers have been hired and are doing great. In addition we have hired 2 coordinators for the Indian Land Recreation Area and Walnut Creek Area. Still a learning process for both but they are doing a great job.
- F. Hal: By the next Advisory Board meeting we will have Bond projects going. David Aspesi and Pamela Trimnal will join staff on the Committee looking at the design firms. RFQ's were opened on Tuesday, October 8th. Ten firms qualified for consideration. Four Firms qualified for consideration for the IL Recreation Center project. Hopefully by November meeting we will have firms in place for these projects. The Soccer fields will be the first project started and completed before the Recreation Center begins. Right now the County has a firm looking at potential land for Regional Sports Complex. This is to make sure the land is good, acreage is correct, and zoning is in place. In the near future Hal wants to hold a special meeting on strategic planning. Maybe in November or December for the long term outlook 5-10 years projects. Katherine: Wants to see LCPR expand from just having sports/After School Programs to upgrade to more leisure programs. She and Hal both would like to see Rope Courses, Dog Parks, Splash Pads, Disc golf, etc to be added. All of the amenities could be paid for by Hospitality Grant money from the County/City. Katherine also said that a lot of the recreation sports such as tackle football, softball, baseball programs are decreasing in numbers. Producing more rectangle fields and diamond fields would be an asset. Meaning more sports/activities can run of those type fields in the future.
- G. Hal: All the county employee emails have changed effective October 1st. The new address will end now in (example) twillis@countysc.net.

VI. Old Business

- A. Hal: Procurement had the tree taken care at Roy Hardin Park @ the cost of \$1500.00. Pool tree is still up. Cost is still around \$5000 to take down. Hal stated that trees are now becoming more of a problem. Rob Hinson (Supervisor of Maintenance) and he will be going around the area to do inspections of tree problems.
- B. Katherine: Paddock was called on a leaking gasket. They think the problem corrected itself. She got a quote on a new motor @ \$2400.00. The chlorinator system has to have 2 pumps or it will not operate correctly and then you have to manual adjust the system. Shade structures at the pool are still a go. City Administrator Flip may have some money from hospitality money to use. Therefore it will be no cost of to LCPR or the county. She is going to present to City finance committee as a request for next summer.

- C. Hal: All jamborees went very well. Having some issues with the Tackle Football Program. The 11/12 age group from Fort Mill showed out at this past Saturday's game at Lancaster Stadium. Hal called the Director of Fort Mill and voiced his concerned. The entire incident was caught on City Police body camera. The footage will be passed along to us as soon as they can download.
- D. Hal: Lineberger Inc. cut cable during the project out at Buford. They did not report it and paved over it. 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.
- E. Hal and Katherine: 4 staff went to the SCRPA in Myrtle Beach. Brought back a lot of new ideas. Hal and Katherine attended the NRPA conference in Baltimore. They really enjoyed the experience to see how other states worked and benefited from attended training sessions and meeting with the vendors that were there.
- F. Hal: Barnett office update. We are still on hold. The IT department is holding things up. Comporium has completed their part. We are hoping the move will occur around the end of November first of December.

VII. Advisory Board Comments-

- A. Dan thought the new football outline was going good. Feels that there are a few things that could be adjusted and looked at before the start of the new season. He also said that Tyler was doing a really good job with the program.

VIII. Director's Comments-

Hal stated that the maintenance department was having a few problems with moral. He is wanting to set a meetings with them to talk over their concerns and problems in the next week or so. Want to include all staff to identify how each area compliments the other.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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