

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, June 20, 2017

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Heritage Park. The media was notified of this meeting. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Heritage Park Recreation Office. Terry Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Those present were:

John Dewberry, Jr., District I
Wayne Swanson, District II
David Wilkerson, District III, Vice-Chairman
Terry Sanders, District IV, Chairman

Also attending were: Tyron Williams and guest (Ga Elite Football), Chris Williams, Chris and Ms. Murphy, Vince Miller, Jack Jenkins and Staff: Tim Coley, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to approve the agenda. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017**. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Marshae White requested to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farm Park on July 29, 2017 for a Wedding. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to amend the agenda to add the request:
Christina Hoffman requested to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farm Park on July 16, 2017 for a Wedding. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion to add the request to the agenda items. The motion passed. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request from Christina Hoffman to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farm Park on July 16, 2017 for a Wedding. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Will McPherson and Terry Whitaker, Boy Scouts of America Camporee, request reduced rates at Nash Farm Park on October 6-8, 2017. A motion was made to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Wayne Swanson wanted to know the requirements for reduced fees do they address what type of damage they can do to the park. Terry Sanders stated that if the organization is non-profit tied to Henry County is part of the criteria. Tim Coley stated that rental fees are sometimes reduced but staff fees and clean-up and security deposits are not reduced. They pay for extra setup and dumpsters, port-a-johns, etc. Another criteria is if the organization is sponsored by Henry County such as A Friend's House or Haven House. The Boy Scouts Camporee has no impact on the facility and they do not charge participants. They have 5 different groups together and they work on merit badges. They are outside and on the back side of the property. They bring in their own trash containers, etc. We do not lose any rental revenue. There is no written policy. The Board can set a fee rate and criteria list could include: Government Partner or Association sponsored by Henry

County, Non-Profit listed by the Secretary of State's Office, etc. Tim can have a policy for the Board to review at the next meeting. The motion passed.

Lori Harris, Country Music Festival to Benefit Hope Park, requested reduced rates at Jason T. Harper Event Center on September 29-30, 2017. Wayne Swanson made a motion to table the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. Discussion was held. They will charge for admission to the concert. The organization recently constructed a handicap accessible playground at Big Spring Park in McDonough. They participate in our Sunshine League at Richard Craig Park. A contract is required for the rental. All opposed and the motion failed to table the request. A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Claud Spinks, Battle of Atlanta Cross Country Meet to Kick off High School Cross Country, requested reduced rates at Nash Farm Park on August 25-26, 2017. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The County will have the area cut again. Jessie will keep doing it for now until the County develops an agreement. Jessie is only guaranteed one cutting of hay. If you had a July 4th celebration, and the area had to be cut for the fireworks then he would get less hay. He cuts when we have large events. Most vendors will not cut the property without a guarantee of three cuts. The motion passed.

Holly Capp of McDonough, GA and the West Point Parents Club of Georgia, requested reduced rates at Nash Farm Park for Military Parents Quarterly Meetings at Nash Farm Park on Sunday, July 30, 2017. Wayne Swanson made a motion to table the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. Discussion was held. More information was needed. The motion passed to table the request. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the request. The motion passed.

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite Youth Football, requested reduced rates at Heritage Park Room B for the 4th Annual Health Fair on July 15, 2017. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the request. The motion passed.

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite Youth Football, requested reduced rates at the Jason T. Harper Event Center for the 4th Annual Health Fair on July 15, 2017. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the request. The motion passed.

Tim Knight, the 30th Georgia, Inc. requested reduced rates for a Civil War Reenactment at Nash Farm Park October 12-15, 2017. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request to pay \$3,000 reduced rates, \$1,000 for the security deposit fee to ensure the trench is repaired and Tim Coley will have the Risk Management Department review and determine the adequate amount of general liability insurance coverage required to have the horses, cannons, etc. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Friday is the children's educational day. They paid for some of the wooden fence on the west side of the property. In the past, they paid for port-a-johns, etc. and then they pay a portion of the proceeds to Friends of Nash Farm and now want to pay that portion to the Parks and Recreation Department. Parking, settler and vendor fees are collected for the black powder fees, etc. The agreement they had with several boards ago was Friends of Nash would do the maintenance and help with the upkeep of the park and when they had their event, they would not be charged. The motion passed.

Mark Pollard, McDonough Colonel Charles T. Zachery Camp 108 SCV, is requesting to use the Carriage House at Nash Farm for monthly SCV meetings. They meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. They have used the Nash Farm House in the past. Tim Coley clarified the group requested to use the facility and he stated they need to request the Carriage House because the Nash Farm House is not available yet. They did not request a reduced rate in their email. The Board is not in favor of a group using the facility long term. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request for the normal rental hourly rate for June 26,

2017 only and apply quarterly for the meetings every three months (July, August, and September) then re-apply after that. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Wayne Swanson mentioned the County approved official name for Nash Farm Park was mentioned at the last Board of Commissioners meeting. The current sign says Battlefield. Tim stated this would be handled when funds become available. Terry Sanders stated he would take a look at the sign to advise what it needs. Wayne stated he received the plan from Tim Coley.

Wayne Swanson stated he would like the County to consider naming The Activity Barn at Nash Farm Park to the Community Activity Barn so citizens know they can rent the facility when it's not during wedding times. Tim will check and make sure no board action is required.

Tim clarified for the Board that when the Commissioners approved a Military Museum at Nash Farm Park it was the museum that is now at Heritage Park near the Veteran's Wall of Honor. When it was vacant, the Friends of Nash Farm stated they have a lot of collectors to make it a Nash Farm Battle Museum to display but there is nothing in writing. Tim stated that Nash Farm House will be a great revenue source for the County to hold weddings, photo sessions, meetings and other rentals.

John Dewberry, Jr. stated he needs scoreboards replaced at Warren Holder Park when funds become available. Tim stated those scoreboards are on the list of 25 scoreboards in the County that need to be replaced.

Comments:

Chris Williams stated on July 8, CHOA along with Children's Institute, Atlanta Motor Speedway Children's Charities will to hold a Sports Medicine Course from 12p-4p for coaches, etc. Register now. On July 22, 2017 Communities in school will hold a Parent Expo to be held at Jason T. Harper Event Center to give away school supplies.

John Dewberry, Jr. announced that Phillis Reeves, at the Chamber of Commerce, is looking for sponsors to provide supplies for new teachers.

Department Report:

Wayne Swanson asked how impact fees collected and are they given to the Districts? Tim stated the Board of Commissioners allocate the impact fees. The impact fees are a revenue item. It is collected for new construction and collected by the tax commissioner as revenue. In theory the impact fee paid should assist with improvements to infrastructure. Tim Coley does not receive a breakdown of the impact fees.

The new fiscal year for Henry County begins July 1, 2017.

Park Report:

The City of McDonough approved a Caribbean Festival with food trucks and a stage on the ball field at Alexander Park. It rained and the trucks got stuck and tore up the field. The City will have to repair the field because they did not have a security deposit. County policy is you cannot put a vehicle on an athletic field unless it is a maintenance vehicle.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Wayne Swanson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Dewberry, Jr. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval