

**Henry County Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 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 9:02 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  
Jonathan F. Buck, District V

Also attending were: Tyron Williams (Ga Elite Football), Nazer Buck, Rickie Williams, Chris Williams (North Henry Youth Football Association), and Staff: Tim Coley, Kenny R. Morris, Vincent Miller and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve the agenda. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Wayne Swanson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:**

Lisa King request to serve alcohol on 10-28-17 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Louann Jones request to serve alcohol on 10-14-17 at Nash Farm Park for a Class Reunion. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Requests to reduce fees:**

None.

Wayne Swanson requested a date for a class at Nash Farm Park on October 27, 2017, for the Seeds of Prosperity from Ft. Valley State University. He gave a presentation. It offers grants and scholarships for education at an 1890 Land Grant College. There is no charge to the County for the class.

Wayne Swanson stated he heard the Board of Commissioners was considering disbanding the Recreation Board. Tim stated it was not disbanding and it was not just the Recreation Board but all boards and defining their roles. The item was removed from the Board of Commissioners agenda for tonight's meeting. David Wilkerson stated the by-laws need to be revised. Tim stated the intent is to give a linear definition of what the advisory boards do. The scope of work or job description would be attached to each department. It would not be a different scope for every different board. Tim stated he did not know it was on the Commissioner's agenda until the County stated it was being removed, but he was never in a formal meeting with the County Manager or

Deputy County Manager other than at a Department Head Meeting where they asked how many departments have advisory boards and stated this is what the County is looking at doing.

### **Old Business:**

Tim stated the restrooms that were vandalized at Richard Craig Park last month were repaired according to Facility Maintenance Department on Wednesday after the September meeting and ready for the tournament the following weekend.

John Dewberry, Jr. was asked about who should turn off the lights at Richard Craig Park after games and practices. Tim stated the associations are responsible to turn off the lights after the games but the light system is a very antiquated system. People vandalize the control boxes and turn the lights on later. The lights are not like other parks controlled by a computer system. Tim hopes to add those parks to the next SPLOST program to upgrade the light control systems. He would like the County to spend less money on new parks and more funds on renovating what we have. Kenny R. Morris explained the County has tried many approaches over the years. Volunteers do not place locks back on the boxes. We have tried different keys, breakers, and regular light switches. Vandals rip the panels off the box. Tim stated fencing in the control box may not be feasible. Tim will get Risk Management to give a recommendation. Chris Williams advised to add warning signs. John Dewberry, Jr. stated the lights at Warren Holder Football near the Event Center were on at midnight one night. Kenny will check the computer system.

Wayne Swanson requested an update on the playground for Nash Farm Park concept phase. Tim stated the County did not put any funds in the budget for capital projects. Tim stated he was placing a stand-alone sign for the Farmers Market. Wayne Swanson requested an update on the Nash Farm Park sign. The Deputy County Manager asked for all Nash Farm Park projects to be put on the capital projects list (sign, playground, stage, etc.). There is no capital project money. Wayne requested the sign be funded another way if possible. Landscaping project will be scheduled the first of October due to storm damage clean up. The State of Emergency required documentation and pictures for the damage at each site and each stage of clean up. The roof has been repaired. We are a month out from renting the facility.

John Dewberry, Jr. requested an update on Avalon Park repairs that were mentioned at the last meeting. Tyron Williams stated the minor repairs were completed as well as repairing a water leak, replacing the scoreboard and addressing a lock issue. Tyron asked Kenny to do a couple of repairs closer to time of the tournament he has coming up. The fencing at Avalon is not commercial grade.

Tyron Williams did not have an address to mail a letter to Darryl Heflin.

### **Public Comments:**

Mrs. Nazer Buck welcomed her husband to the Recreation Board.

Mr. Rick Williams and Mrs. Ross Williams stated they sell Italian Ice products and would like to participate at events when possible. Each park would get a percentage of proceeds. They also have a food truck. They would like to offer etiquette at Afterschool programs. They offered a program for Georgia Elite. They are also vendors at Nash Farm Park. They would go through the Association to sell at youth association games and practices. Nash Farm Park, Village Park and Heritage Park usually hold larger events where vendors come in. Most Saturdays they just run the concession but for a special event they may need vendors. Local vendors are preferred to Out of County. Out of County vendors are used when the service or product is not available locally.

### **Department Report:**

**Park Report:**

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Wilkerson. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval