

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 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), Lenard Harris (The Generals Football), and Staff: Tim Coley, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, Vincent Miller, Kathy Hunt, and Donna Holder.

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

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Laura Rodriguez request to serve alcohol at Nash Farm Park on 1-20-18 for a Birthday Party. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jason Jaros request to serve alcohol at Locust Grove Event Center on 1-27-18 for a Wedding. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Dee McIntyre request reduced fees for Nash Farm Park for a Memorial Service on 1-27-2018. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

April Worley request reduced fees for Nash Farm Park for the Luella High School Banquet on 5-8-2018. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Tim reported that SPLOST IV Program had approximately \$1.5 million to enclose Jason T. Harper Event Center and approximately \$1.5 million to construct the North Ola baseball fields. Prices have increased to \$3 million to enclose the Event Center and \$4 Million to complete the ball fields. Commissioner Barham advised to combine the amounts and begin grading four fields but only construct two ball fields to expand North Ola

Park. It went out for design build and has been awarded. They should break ground in March and lay sod by August. Hopefully they will be able to play on them by Fall 2018 or Spring 2019. The County had purchased land to expand North Ola Park.

Wayne Swanson requested job description of Nash Farm Park caretaker. Tim stated there was probably not a job description but it should be mentioned in the lease from the Board of Commissioners. He will request a copy of contract and duties and forward it. Wayne Swanson also wanted to know who changes the light bulbs. Tim explained that the County Facilities Maintenance Department supplies those and handles that for County buildings. Tim stated that the County has never wanted the caretakers to do any facility maintenance on County property. The bush hog is parked at the Caretaker house until they are done with it for security reasons. The Livestock barn has relics in it. Many of the farm relics were relocated from Heritage Park to Nash Farm Livestock barn. Wayne Swanson wanted to know if we have an inventory sheet to say where the items came from. Tim stated that the Extension Service ran the former Heritage Park Agriculture Museum and he would get with them about the inventory information.

Old Business:

Public Comments:

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite Football, stated the tackle team played on CBS on 1-1-2018. They won the national championship game against Hawaii. Their 10U Flag Football team won a national championship Sunday night in Hollywood, Florida.

Wayne Swanson met FFA teachers in December. Board of Commissioners approved a 10 year master plan for Nash Farm Park. He wants to earmark an area for a teaching garden with heirloom plants. The area could be to the left of the barn. The garden could also be a wedding venue. There is an area on the master plan. Tim stated the County is repairing and renovating the Nash Home place and former museum. It had water damage, etc. They want to paint and get the carpets cleaned up. It would be available for lunch and learns, programs, and rentals.

John Dewberry, Jr. stated that Commissioner Wilson wants an opportunity to meet the coaches in District I. Tim stated they need to set that up with Locust Grove Baseball. Commissioner Wilson may do a walk through on fields at his park. Tim stated that the field improvements for baseball are scheduled for January through end of February, pending weather. Kenny R. Morris stated that 75 to 80 ball fields have to be scheduled, depending on their field conditions, staffing challenges, etc. The fields are open to the public for practices when the fields are not scheduled (but not for tournaments). Tournaments have separate procedures to follow. The volunteer associations have work days also.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wayne Swanson. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.