

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, October 16, 2018

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, October 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 9:01 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: Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite Youth Football), Chris Williams (North Henry Youth Football Association), Lenard Harris (The Generals Youth Football) and Staff: Rod Gray, James Martin, John Bailey and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve the agenda. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Brittany Saucier request to serve alcoholic beverages on 11-3-18 at Nash Farm Park Activity Barn and Carriage House for a wedding. Motion was made by Wayne Swanson to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kimberly Graham request to serve alcoholic beverages on 12-1-18 at Nash Farm Park Activity Barn for a Christmas Party. Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kody McGill request to serve alcoholic beverages on 12-1-18 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding Reception. Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Bruce Fowler, Ola Middle School, request reduced school rates on 5-10-19 at the Locust Grove Event Center for an 8th grade end of the year dance. Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark Warren request reduced 501c3 fees for rental of Heritage Park Ballfields on 11-24-18 to host a softball tournament that will benefit Haven House shelter. Motion was made by Wayne Swanson to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:**Old Business:**

Jonathan Buck stated that he had spoken to Tim Coley about painting the fire lane at Village Park.

Department Reports:

Rod Gray stated the Trunk or Treat at Nash Farm Park would take place on 10-31-18. The event planning is underway and we are actively seeking donations of candy, sponsorships, etc. Several County Departments agreed to assist with the event. Parks and Recreation is hosting a Veteran's Day Event on 11-12-18 for County Employees that are Veterans. Shane's BBQ is donating the food for the event. The quarterly and financial reports are in the board packets. Our State Agency GRPA (Georgia Recreation & Parks Association) Sixth District awarded Henry County: Agency of the Year, Peggy Hesselbach (Athletics Network Award) and James 'Bull' Martin (Distinguished Professional Award). Staff will be recognized at the Board of Commissioners December 4 meeting. GRPA has previously awarded staff members Tim Coley and Terry Nash with the highest awards possible in the State. Staff will attend the annual GRPA Conference in November.

Rod stated that the County had a situation this past weekend at Village Park. A group rented two pavilions to have a cookout. James Martin found out the group was going to have a car show without a special events permit. Rod was proud of the staff for addressing the issue before it became a problem. The police department worked with us and the event was shut down.

Rod will rewrite procedures for vendors to address mobile vendor issues. Mobile vendors conflict with Youth Association concessions. Mobile vendors during events and at the congested area of the parks can be a problem. The permits and procedures need to be outlined in writing in order to enforce it.

Rod stated that an employee or park rangers are need to be at the parks during events. Security cameras will be installed at Village Park. It may be possible to watch the cameras through a cell phone.

Public Comments:

Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite) addressed the board. They are seeking donations for their Feed the Hungry program.

Leonard Harris (The Generals Youth Football) stated he is concerned for football participant's safety from the groups utilizing the outdoor basketball courts at Mickie D. Cochran Park. He cited concerns due to yelling, smoking and fights from the groups utilizing the basketball courts. The park was recently cleaned up and improved by the County. Leonard utilized the PD for games and events. Rod will speak to the Police Department regarding the facility and issues.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jonathan Buck to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.