The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at Heritage Park. The media was notified of this meeting. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Heritage Park Recreation Office. David Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Those present were:

John Dewberry, Jr., District I  
Wayne Swanson, District II Vice-Chairman  
David Wilkerson, District III, Chairman  
Tyrone C. Anderson, Sr., District IV  
Jonathan F. Buck, District V  

Also attending: Chris Williams (North Henry Football), Chris Murphy (The Generals Youth Football), Tyron Williams (Ga Elite Youth Football), Staff: Vince Miller, Kenny R. Morris and Donna Holder.

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

John Dewberry, Jr. made the motion to approve minutes from last meeting held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Vernell Cloud request to serve alcohol on 12-6-2019, at the Locust Grove Event Center for a holiday dance. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Tammy Plante, Henry County Moose Lodge, request reduced rates at Nash Farm Park for a 5k run walk fundraiser benefitting Gigi’s house girls home, on 12-14-2019. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the recommended reduced rates. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Renee Nelson request reduced rates on 5-16-2020, at Nash Farm Park for a Wedding. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the recommended reduced rate. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Wayne Swanson stated that a photographer scheduled a photo session during the last rodeo. He wanted clarification of who can use the park when the entire park is rented for the rodeo. He wanted to know if the County could place special event signs during the rental of the entire park. There are two entrances to two separate areas of Nash Farm. Wayne Swanson stated the County should charge photographers for taking photo sessions at County Parks that the photographer makes a profit on. The County could require photographers to place a permit in their vehicles. Kenny will get clarifications from the County going forward. Many events
were held at Nash Farm over the weekend and the other groups like the Bicycle and Boy Scout events went well.

Tyron Williams updated the board on Georgia Elite. Six of seven tackle Georgia Elite football teams made the playoffs. Five made the championship games. This past weekend they hosted championship games. Dave and Busters supported their program. High Schools girls’ flag football is a reality now. Tyron wants a Rec program where the parents stay in the County. He thinks the County should be able to tell the associations who and where they will play. He stated that Kenny and his crew were helpful and did an excellent job.

Chris Williams stated he had nine out of eleven teams make the playoffs. Six teams made it to semi-finals and four teams made it to the championship game. Chris will step back some due to his promotion at Georgia Power. Anthony Lanier will still be the Director. Chris has not stepped down yet. He will soon assume more of a consultant role.

Vince Miller acknowledged the football directors in the parks for doing a great job and thanked them.

Old Business:

None.

Department Reports:

Event flyers and quarterly reports are in the board packets. The tree lighting will be held at Nash Farm Park. Mingle with the Kringles will be held at Heritage Park.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval