

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, June 18, 2019

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 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 9:00 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: Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite Youth Football), Chris Williams (North Henry Youth Football Association), Anthony Lanier (North Henry Football), Chris Murphy (The Generals Youth Football), Tamika Vaughn-ellen, Robert Koldpack, and Staff: John Bailey, Vincent Miller, Tim Coley and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to approve the agenda. Tyrone C. Anderson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Jonathan F. Buck to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Laura Scott requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 7-13-2019 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Birthday Party. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Joanie Whitson, Henry County Cancer Services, requests reduced rate on 12-1-2019 at Locust Grove Event Center for a pre-holiday meal to benefit cancer patients and their families in Henry County. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Old Business:

Tim updated the board on District V request for two additional trashcans and one community board for Village Park. One trashcan was ordered with one community board. We will order an additional trashcan.

Department Reports:

Under the current SDS agreement, the passive areas in the City parks are maintained by the Cities. The active areas in the city parks are maintained by the County. Next week the County and Cities will go to mediation regarding SDS agreements that will affect several County Departments along with Parks and Recreation.

Tim reminded the associations that wet bulb readings will go out as the heat index increases in the summer. It lets coaches know when humidity, etc. is safe for different types of practices, equipment permitted and if practices need to be cancelled.

Tim asked that everyone remind coaches that kids cannot solicit on the streets to collect funds.

Lightning detectors were purchased for associations in the past with emergency funds.

Tim advised that the ramps on the museum at Nash Farm Park must meet the fire code. Wayne Swanson stated that Eagle Scouts are looking for a project to do at Nash Farm Park. Scouts do not do projects that must be permitted.

Public Comments:

Anthony Lanier, North Henry Youth Football, addressed the Board about their preference for an evening meeting. He inquired about behavior contracts that Rod Gray was working on. Tim will inquire with the County Manager's office about the status of the contracts. Anthony requested more trashcans at Moseley Park with lids to prevent rain from weighing down the trash bags. He prefers plastic restroom stalls that will not rust for aesthetics and cleanliness of the parks. Tim stated that he did not think changing the meeting to nights would make a difference because the two meetings held each year at night for the associations are poorly attended. Tim has mentioned the other requested improvements for Moseley Park to the County and new Commissioner and that is a funding issue. Tim may add trashcan lids and structures that prevent the trashcans from spilling over if funding is secured. Commissioner Thomas has toured the parks in her District.

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite Football, addressed the Board. They still need fence improvements at Avalon Park. The Caribbean Festival at Avalon Park went well. The Splash Pad at Avalon Park is going well. Georgia Elite will pay for their coaches to become Red Cross AED/CPR/First Aid certified. They also purchased an ice tub. They will offer training regarding practices in the heat. 3 on 3 basketball tournament is coming up at Jason T Harper Event Center in Heritage Park on June 29, 2019.

Chris Williams, North Henry Youth Football, is looking into purchasing ice tubs and misting fans for their football program. He invited everyone to attend Communities in Schools - Parent Expo that will be here at Jason T Harper Event Center in Heritage Park on July 20, 2019. The Annual North Henry Football Tiger Day will be held on July 13, 2019 at JP Moseley Park. Kaiser will be present that day.

Tamika Vaughn-ellen addressed the Board. She is a parent and educator at Clayton State Nursing Program. She offered her services as a certified CPR Instructor. She is concerned with lack of children being served for the Day Camp Program at Heritage Park. She stated the Jason T Harper Event Center is a waste of space because there is no gym at the facility for the extremely hot days and more children could be served.

Robert Koldpack addressed the Board. He has property in District IV and V. The structures that were burned down at Hidden Valley Park have not been cleaned up yet. Hidden Valley Park needs to be updated. The playground is much smaller than surrounding parks. The basketball court and tennis court do not look good. The structures need to be painted. He inquired if Hidden Valley Park would be updated and expanded. Tim advised that granite rock is an issue at Hidden Valley Park and extremely expensive to develop any facilities. It

is not feasible to add to that park. The Commissioners will vote on the Capital Projects that may be funded. Participation in the parks is a factor in the funding process. The structures that were burned down by the Fire Department for training exercises will be cleaned up as soon as the bids are complete.

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 9:58 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval