

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, August 20, 2019

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 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 Murphy (The Generals Youth Football), Alford Williams (Hampton) and Staff: John Bailey, Vincent Miller, Tim Coley and Donna Holder.

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

John Dewberry, Jr. made the motion to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, July 16, 2019**. Tyrone Anderson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Patricia Marquez requests to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farm Park Barn on 8/25/2019 for a birthday party. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Jamie Mote, Southern Grace Hospice, requests reduced fees at Jason T. Harper Event Center on 9/7/2019 for Camp Grace - Kids Bereavement Camp. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Jonathan Buck stated that Cochran Park was closing and moving baseball activities to Hidden Valley Park. He toured Hidden Valley Park last Saturday and has concerns regarding the restrooms around the park except for one set. He requested they be pressure washed and some painted. Per the contracts with youth association, they are responsible for cleaning the restrooms. Some of the restrooms were locked and not used due to low participation. The infield had grass and it was sprayed. Dirt and portable mounds will be added to the fields. Tim has a work order list from the Commissioner that the staff is addressing.

John Dewberry, Jr. stated the pipes on the side driveway at Locust Grove Rec Center look unsightly. The building leaks after heavy rains in the downstairs restrooms. Tim stated the driveway would be re-routed after the new playground is installed. The playground is out to bid.

John Bailey requested additional four trashcans for Village Park to be located at Splash Pad and Fitness Station and where the two benches were added. Two trashcans need to be added to the new Putting Green area. Tim stated he needs to get with Kenny about signage for closed fields that are locked due to maintenance. He handed out job fair flyers.

Wayne Swanson would like the County to look into a stop littering campaign. Tim stated that maybe they could do a countywide contest for a campaign.

Old Business:

Tim met with County officials last Thursday and the SDS should be complete soon. Park funding may improve after the agreement is complete. Deposits may be added to pavilion rentals. Park Rangers may be added. No Overnight parking signs are in parks where the ordinance is in place.

Department Reports:

Public Comments:

Tyron Williams, (Georgia Elite Football) addressed the board. The gate improvement is appreciated. They still need commercial fencing.

Alford Williams from Hampton addressed the board. He asked about plans for enlarging the little league baseball field and when the restrooms are locked. He stated the Recreation Center and District II needs a gym. Wayne Swanson stated the County ran out of funding on the last 6 year SPLOST and that is why there is no gym on the Recreation / Senior Center. The economy improved and the construction cost increased.

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 10:20 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval