The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 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: Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite Youth Football), Chris Williams (North Henry Football), Brad Johnson (Deputy County Manager), Lenard Harris (The Generals) Staff: John Bailey, Brandi Dailey, Kenny R. Morris and Donna Holder.

Jonathan Buck made the motion to approve the agenda. Tyrone Anderson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jonathan Buck made the motion to approve minutes from last meeting held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Tyrone Anderson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Megan Ridley request to serve alcoholic beverages on 10-19-19, at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. Tyrone Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Yolanda Toland request to serve alcoholic beverages on 10-28-19, at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. Tyrone Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Carla Brown request reduced rates on 11-30-19, at the Cotton Fields Event Center for a wedding. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. Tyrone Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brenda Simms, United Food Force Inc., requests reduced rates on 12-7-19, at the Cotton Fields Event Center for a Volunteer End of Year function. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. Tyrone Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nikki Rogers, Caring for a Cause, request reduced rates on Sunday, 11-17-19, at the Cotton Fields Event Center for a fundraiser paint party. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. Tyrone Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Kristy Dobbs, People First of Henry County, request reduced rates on Thursday, 12-19-19, at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Special Needs Group Home Christmas Party. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nick Fordham, Locust Grove Middle School, requests reduced rates on Friday, 5-8-20, at the Locust Grove Event Center for the Annual 8th Grade Formal Dance. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Old Business:

Jonathan Buck inquired about the status of 2-3 more benches and trashcans requested at Village Park. Kenny stated the benches and trashcans were ordered. Jonathan stated the weeds need attention. Kenny stated the broadleaf weed killer is on order and they will be sprayed. The putting green needs a sign “For Golfers Only”. He would like the wording clarified on the pavilion rentals so renters know what pavilions have serving windows and what amenities come with that. There was an incident at the park. One renter refused to leave after their allotted time expired and ran over into another renter’s time. The parks need Park Rangers to enforce the times rented.

Discussion was held to clarify Youth Association Agreements emailed to the board as requested. The board recommend that we clearly define what it means to be an association. The board recommended we clarify what it takes to revoke the contract from an association and that would go before the Recreation Board. Associations attend two meetings a year. The board recommends on-line information for fundraising, leadership, conflict resolution, financial standards, etc. Fall 2019 Youth Association Agreements have already been completed. Spring 2020 Youth Association Agreements could be modified. The board recommended the Youth Association Agreements reference panhandling ordinance. Discussion was held on Associations setting a maximum on what fees coaches can request the parents pay in addition to registration fees.

Department Reports:

Reports are in the packets.

Public Comments:

Tyron Williams addressed the board. He had a participant go in the medians to raise funds. A panhandling ordinance is in place in the County.

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 10:12 a.m.