

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 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 9:02 a.m.

Those present were:

Tommy Mitchell, District I, Vice-Chairman
Dan Judson, District II
David Wilkerson, District III
Terry Sanders, District IV, Chairman
Eugene Edwards, District V

Also attending were Staff: Tim Coley, Brandi Dailey, Donna Holder, Ron Burckhalter (SPLOST), Chris & Felecia Murphy (The Generals Football) and McDonough Youth Association Hockey Members: Brian Freshwater, Shane Whaley, Michael Ennis, Tammie Mersereau, Deana Cain, Art Slayton, Grady Chappell, Tomeka Chappell, Julie Freshwater, Felix Aponte, Jeanette Aponte, Brandy Green, Kaiden Whaley, George Hawxhurst, Cindy Hawxhurst, and Tennille Slapkus.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve the agenda. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Tommy Mitchell to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016**. Dan Judson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Recreation Center Membership Suspension on Bryce Hudson was discussed. Dan Judson made a motion to suspend Mr. Bryce Hudson for one year at which time Mr. Bryce Hudson may request to come before the Recreation Board to request reinstatement review. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Rebecca Wood requests to serve alcoholic beverages at the Locust Grove Event Center on April 23, 2016, for a wedding. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Tommy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ashley Stephens requests to serve alcoholic beverages at the Locust Grove Event Center on September 24, 2016, for a wedding. Dan Judson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Harris requests to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farm Park on April 30, 2016 and May 1, 2016, for "Hostage Run" Fun Run and to help raise awareness of human trafficking. Dan Judson made a motion to approve the request. Tommy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wendy Stanford requests to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farm Park on March 20, 2016, for a wedding. Tommy Mitchell made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Shara and Windell Williams request to serve alcoholic beverages at the Locust Grove Event Center on April 2, 2016, for a reception. Tommy Mitchell made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Frankie Phillips requests reduce rates for the Jason T. Harper Event Center on June 25, 2016, for a revival. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request with staff recommendations. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elizabeth Rawls requests reduce rates for Nash Farm Park Activity Barn on Monday, May 2, 2016, for the Dutchtown High School Band Banquet. Eugene Edwards made a motion to approve the request with staff recommendations. Dan Judson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

None.

Public Comments:

Brian Freshwater and Mike Ennis distributed handouts and gave a formal presentation about the park improvements needed at Avalon Park Hockey Rink. Several parents and participants spoke to the board. Improvements requested are: ceiling and air fans to keep condensation from dripping on floor, additional LED lighting \$20,000, breakers system, roof repairs, floor sunk and unsafe \$10,000 - \$15,000, plastic boards and labor \$100,000. They requested input for the design of the new restroom/concession/storage building that is funded by SPLOST. The association has \$29,000 available to go toward the projects. Tim Coley advised the group that the County Capital Improvements are centralized by the Board of Commissioners. The County has many buildings with leaking roofs that need to be addressed. He stated the County is now in the process for the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget that begins July 1, 2016 and will soon review the County millage rate. The Association may check with CVB's, the City of McDonough, and Georgia Power to see if there are any other funding assistance available. Tim advised that work orders can be placed for some of the problems to be corrected now.

Ron Burckhalter, SPLOST, explained the SPLOST funding process. The City of McDonough is assisting with infrastructure for the restroom/concession/storage building project. SPLOST is researching to see if a prefab building would be sufficient and possibly cheaper.

Department Report:

Tim Coley reported the budget hearing is on Monday for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

Park Report:

Bud Kelley Park update: still working on road and parking lot as weather permits.

Fairview Park update: Henry County Water Authority, Georgia DOT and the County are changing the road where Fairview comes into Anvil Block Road. The weather has delayed this project.

Groundbreaking at Hampton Senior / Recreation Center was held.

Tanger Station is open. The girls are practicing and softball scoreboards are up and will be wired by the tournament scheduled there in two weeks.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Eugene Edwards to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Wilkerson. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval