

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 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 9:03 a.m.

Those present were:

John Dewberry, Jr., District I
Wayne Swanson, District II
David Wilkerson, District III, Vice-Chairman
Terry Sanders, District IV, Chairman
Eugene Edwards, District V

Also attending were Chris Williams (North Henry Football), Tyron Williams (Ga Elite Football), Daron Jackson (McDonough Cougars), Chris Murphy (The Generals Football) and Staff: Tim Coley, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, Vince Miller and Donna Holder.

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

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, December 20, 2016**. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Tara Eberhart, of Smith, Welch, Webb & White, requested to serve alcoholic beverages at the Locust Grove Event Center on 12-02-2017 for an event. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tina Kratovil requested to serve alcoholic beverages at the Cotton Fields Golf Club Event Center on 02-15-2017 for a wedding. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Justin Wynn, of Henry County Fire Department, requested reduced rates for Nash Farm Park Activity Barn for their Awards Banquet on 02-04-2017. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kevin Garrison requested reduced rates for the Jason T. Harper Event Center for a Community Prayer Service on 9-10-2017. Eugene Edwards made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Frankie Phillips requested reduced rates for the Jason T. Harper Event Center for a Revival Community Event on 6-17-2017. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elections

Terry Sanders opened the floor for Chairman Nominations. David Wilkerson nominated Terry Sanders for Chairman. The floor was closed for nominations. Terry Sanders was voted in as Chairman.

Terry Sanders opened the floor for Vice-Chairman Nominations. Eugene Edwards nominated David Wilkerson for Vice-Chairman. The floor was closed for nominations. David Wilkerson was voted in as Vice-Chairman.

Terry Sanders welcomed new Board members and let them introduce themselves. District II Representative is Wayne Swanson. District I Representative is John Dewberry, Jr.

Old Business:

Tim Coley stated Keith Dickerson, the McDonough City Administrator, called him regarding concerns and complaints he had received regarding the McDonough Cougars that play out of Avalon Park. The property is owned by the City but maintained by the County in active areas. Discussion was held. Youth Manual Agreement violations were discussed. There has been a steady decline in the registration numbers. The City wants tackle football offered at the park. McDonough Cougars subleased their fields with no liability insurance for the other group and they are behind on their impact fees by \$1,300. The organization played for two months with no liability insurance. Daron Jackson, McDonough Cougars, addressed the Board regarding the complaints. Vincent Miller, football liaison, addressed the Board. Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite Football, addressed the Board. Chris Williams, North Henry Football, addressed the Board.

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to recommend Georgia Elite Football occupy Avalon Park as the tenant;

Recommend Georgia Elite Football will allow McDonough Cougar Football to add two board members to the Georgia Elite Board of Directors with the exception of Kennard Turner;

Recommend two board members meet the qualifications of the existing Georgia Elite Board of Directors;

Recommend Georgia Elite Football absorb finances of McDonough Cougar Football revenue and debt;

Recommend both leagues retain names McDonough Cougars Tackle Football and Georgia Elite Flag Football.

David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Comments:

Tyron needed access to Avalon Park for Georgia Elite to practice under the lights for the Pro Bowl. Tim advised Tyron to get with Kenny for access to the lights.

Department Report:

Tim reported the budget process is underway. County fiscal year budgets run July 1 through June 30. We need to identify any capital projects that are not already in the SPLOST Program and get Board member input for their districts within the next ten days. The County has not provided much capital funding in 9 years except for the SPLOST Program that was voted in. Resurfacing tennis courts has already been identified as a project.

Park Report:

Georgia Power has installed a new transformer needed for the new lights at Cochran Park. The project is estimated to be complete by the end of January. North Henry runs their concession in-house at Cochran Park.

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 11:47 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval