

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 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 9:01 a.m.

Those present were:

Wayne Swanson, District II
David Wilkerson, District III, Vice-Chairman
Terry Sanders, District IV, Chairman
Jonathan F. Buck, District V

Also attending were: Tyron Williams (Ga Elite Football), Aaron Bolden (Ellenwood Vikings Football), Mario Jennings (District V Resident) and Staff: Tim Coley, Rod Gray, Kenny R. Morris, John Bailey, Brandi Dailey, Kathy Hunt, and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by Wayne Swanson to approve the agenda. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Wayne Swanson made a motion to add Communities in Schools request for reduced fees to 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, March 20, 2018**. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Beth Davis request to serve alcohol on 5/5/18 for a wedding at the Locust Grove Event Center. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Renee Barnes request to serve alcohol on 6/2/18 for a Birthday/Anniversary Event at Nash Farm Park Activity Barn. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Maria Gutierrez request to serve alcohol on 6/23/18 for a Communion Event at Cotton Fields Golf Club. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Regina Jackson request to serve alcohol on 5/19/2018 for a Wedding Event at Locust Grove Event Center. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Derissa Shannon request to serve alcohol on 6/29/2018 for a Birthday Event at Cotton Fields Golf Club. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beverly Peavy request to serve alcohol on 4/28/2018 for a Wedding at Nash Farm Park Carriage House. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Regina Johnson request to serve alcohol on 4/28/18 for a Wedding at Locust Grove Event Center. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Myriam Colon request reduced County Employee rates on 12/29/2018 for a Birthday Event at Nash Farm Activity Barn. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Don Dunlap request reduced rates for a County Department Event for Youth Leadership Henry Graduation Dinner on 5/7/2018 at Locust Grove Event Center. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chaplain Dan Daley of Sacred Journey Hospice request reduced rates on 5/20/2018 for a Semi-Annual Memorial Service for families served at Nash Farm Park Carriage House. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Yvonne Duncan of Mt. Olive Baptist Church request reduced rates on 8/25/2018 for a Recognition of Church Volunteers Event at Cotton Fields Golf Club. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beverly Peavy request reduced County Employee rates on 4/28/2018 for a Wedding Event at Nash Farm Park Activity Barn and Carriage House. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Carla Brown request reduced County Employee rates on 5/25/2018 for a Graduation Party Event at Nash Farm Park Activity Barn. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Myriam Colon request reduced County Employee rates on 5/12/2018 for a Baby Shower Event at Nash Farm Park Carriage House. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Myriam Colon request reduced County Employee rates on 5/26/2018 for a Graduation Party Event at Nash Farm Park Activity Barn. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Shatorium Battle request reduced County Employee rates on 10/20/2018 for a Class Reunion at Cotton Fields Golf Club. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Jonathan Buck inquired about policies and deposits for pavilions at Village Park. Tim stated that the Board addressed the picnic pavilion policies recently and no deposits were required. We block renters in the system if we have any problems with them so they cannot book other facilities. He did not feel that John Bailey should have to clean up behind renters that do not clean-up after themselves. It would require a change in policy by the County Manager to implement a fee and it would take a minimum of two weeks to refund that deposit back to the renter. Tim would like to see the County hire Park Rangers to monitor the parks. Jonathan Buck made a motion for a recommendation to the County Manager to charge a \$100 cleanup refundable deposit for picnic pavilions. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jonathan Buck said a group showed up at Village Park Easter weekend with inflatables. Held a sunrise service at Pavilion 1. The group left trash and thought they could use inflatables. Tim stated he was not aware of

situation nor did he approve anything. The Police should have been called and asked the group to leave. Tim will check with James Martin about the reservation.

Jonathan Buck stated the Movie in the Park event needed to get into the concession. Richard Castletberry let him in. Kenny stated that he gave keys to the facility to the renter. He would like the event providers to put up signage to let the public know. The Board approved the event previously. John Bailey is to get the pavilion rentals and place them on the reservation boards. John Bailey requested a locked Community Information board on the pump house. Rod Gray stated we take on a liability of the event if we promote so they need to promote their own events.

Old Business:

Glenda Harris, Communities in Schools, requested the board reconsider their request for reduced fees for Communities in Schools backpack giveaway at Jason T. Harper Event Center on 7-21-2018. They have not had to pay rental fees in the past. No one addressed the board on the previous request for reduced fees. The event is free to the public. Tim stated the event is well attended. Many boxes have to be hauled off for the event. The vendor fees are used to purchase back to school supply giveaways for the public. Jonathan Buck made a motion to amend the event fees: to charge \$150 for Facility Attendant Fees, \$500 Refundable Deposit and waive the rent fee \$875. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Department Reports:

Terry Sanders advised the board to use Henry County's See Click Fix App.

Public Comments:

Tyron Williams updated the Board. The Easter Event went well. Three on Three Basketball Event will be under Georgia Elite at Academy Parking Lot on 6-23-2018. Sports Illustrated spent the weekend with them and interviewed their parents and volunteers for an article about Flag Football. They will have a Geranium Festival Booth. Ga Elite will provide a NFL Flag Program at Village Park.

Mario Jennings addressed the board about Hidden Valley Park. His concerns were allocation of funds. The Park is dated. The fields have dents, slopes and need dirt. He utilizes fields 2 and 3. Scoreboards are not working. He could not find any NO SMOKING signage. The Basketball Court is not adequate and needs to be relocated away from the athletic facilities. They would like NO PROFANITY signage placed at the basketball courts. The playground is outdated. They would also like some exercise stations. The tennis courts are dated and need improvement. They would like a shaded seating area at the tennis courts. Steve stated he had placed a work order for the scoreboards but the power was out. There are no games played on 14U field. Kenny Morris stated the scoreboards were working as of Monday. The two scoreboards reported out of order were repaired. Hidden Valley Park new signage installed. There are no capital improvement funds. The next SPLOST program needs to refurbish the aging parks we have instead of building new ones. The association pays Steve's son to do the fields. Two HCPRD Maintenance workers take care of seven parks. The irrigation system on Field 2 had a leak and it is being repaired. Kenny stated he would be happy to meet the association to give them tips for field maintenance for practices, games and field maintenance days.

John Bailey needs to call the Police when violation of ordinances occur (smoking in the park, dogs in the park, etc.). The Association paid John Bailey to clean up the park during the Seven on Seven tournament.

Erin Bolden, of Vikings Village Football, addressed the Board about grills in the park. They need to cook outside on a grill. They want to host a three day preseason tournament in early August. Charcoal grills are not allowed due to safety factors but a gas grill is allowed. Tim stated they need a grill area with a concrete pad and chain link fence it with a lean to roof. Erin Bolden stated the park needs more parking.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by David Wilkerson to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval