

**Henry County Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, July 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 9:02 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  
Jonathan F. Buck, District V

Also attending: Tyron Williams (Ga Elite Football), Dr. Rita Bailey (STEAM Camp), Ashley Johnson (STEAM Camp), and Staff: Tim Coley, James Martin, John Bailey and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by Wayne Swanson to approve the agenda with two additions: Request to serve alcoholic beverages by Guadalupe Macias on 7/21/2018 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Birthday Party and Procedures for Recreation Board Meetings. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, June 19, 2018**. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:**

Ashley Frederick request to serve alcoholic beverages on 8/18/2018 for a wedding reception at the Locust Grove Event Center. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guadalupe Macias request to serve alcoholic beverages on 7/21/2018 for a Birthday Party at the Locust Grove Event Center. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Requests to reduce fees:**

Cindy Sims, Walmart, request reduced fees for a basketball tournament fundraiser (to benefit the Children's Miracle Network) on 7/28/2018 at the Locust Grove Recreation Center Gym with County Departments participating. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

The Assistant County Manager and Rod Gray have attended and observed Recreation Board meetings and stated the Recreation Board needs to consider adopting meeting procedures that require citizens to be present and sign in before the meeting begins. Rod Gray is out of town this week but will be present for the next meeting. The Board needs to review policies and address this issue as old business at the next meeting.

Jonathan Buck stated that Dr. Rita Bailey had a confrontation with another worker that needed to use the restroom at Village Park Community Room. She thought the worker was from Parks and Recreation, maybe someone cutting grass, and was not respectful. Tim stated that if John or Rita Bailey had informed Tim or James Martin, they could handle the situation immediately with that individual. Waiting three weeks makes it more difficult to address the situation. Tim will advise all the groups that cut grass at the facility.

Jonathan Buck asked about the status of trashcans for Village Park. We ordered the trashcans after purchasing opened up the financial software to access the new fiscal year funds. The County gets hundreds of requisitions when this happens and it takes a little more time to get the requisitions. The ventilation system on the pump house needs to be addressed. The County Manager's office is aware of the ventilation system issue. They assigned the Ventilation System Issue to the Facilities Maintenance Department. Jonathan stated that Fireworks left a mess at Village Park on the Fourth of July. Tim stated that no one had permission from the County to shoot off fireworks at Village Park and the Police Department should have been notified. The bottom Community field benches were damaged. Kenny removed the benches. Jonathan Buck requested relocating the replacement benches to the playground to keep playground patrons from using Pavilion 3 unless they rent it.

Jonathan Buck stated that illegal dumping is a problem at Village Park. Tim stated that getting a picture of someone doing that is fine but no one should confront people doing this for safety reasons. Staff need to notify Code Enforcement about illegal dumping. Jonathan stated that vendors are selling ice cream that do not have the credentials to do so. Tim stated he could speak to the Police Department about the vendors selling ice cream as well as the concerns that officers are not citing illegal drinking and smoking at the park.

#### **Old Business:**

Wayne Swanson requested uniformity of County Park Signs to be addressed in the new fiscal year. Tim stated that the Board is welcome to have input on the signs. The signs cannot be too long or people will not read them. Wayne stated that Friday morning would work for him to meet about signage. Entrance signs vary from park to park. Wayne would also like to see if bilingual and picture signs could be used.

John Dewberry, Jr. stated that the Fireworks event went well but he would like more attention on the park before the event. He wants the trash picked up, grass cut, restrooms cleaned, etc. Warren Holder Park needs a flag pole at the Football Field. He wants to know if Tanger Station needs a flagpole.

#### **Department Reports:**

#### **Public Comments:**

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite, stated that the 3 on 3 tourney went well before the storm came. They held a successful Health Fair. They will hold some life classes upstairs for parents. Avalon park fencing needs to be addressed by the City or County in order to prevent the cars from getting on the grass. The Falcon Tournament will not be held at Avalon due to fencing and drainage issues cited by the organization.

Dr. Rita Bailey addressed the board about adding No Littering signs. She stated their Steam Camp program runs until 6:30 p.m. and they did not receive enough notice about a rental in the Community Room. The room rents out 90 days in advance and was booked before the Steam Camp program reserved Village Park. John Bailey has the schedule 10 days in advance. Dr. Bailey prefers notice 14 days in advance. James Martin stated it was an isolated incident.

John Bailey thanked the County for the fence at Village Park. Tim stated he would get John Bailey a copy of the park ordinances and codes.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval