

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, April 16, 2019

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 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 9:04 a.m.

Those present were:

John Dewberry, Jr., District I
Wayne Swanson, District II
David Wilkerson, District III, Vice-Chairman
Vacancy, District IV,
Jonathan F. Buck, District V

Also attending: Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite Youth Football), Chris Williams (North Henry Youth Football Association), John Bailey, Alford Williams, Chris Murphy (The Generals Youth Football), and Staff: Vincent Miller, Brandi Dailey, James Martin, Tim Coley and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to approve the agenda. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Jeff Scott requests to serve alcoholic beverages on Thursday, 9-12-2019 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Southside Sportsman Association banquet. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Teneisha Heath requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 5-4-2019 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Marcie Taylor requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 5-25-2019 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Crystal McCarthy of Communities in Schools requests reduced rate on 7-20-2019 at Jason T. Harper Event Center for the annual Parent Expo and school supply giveaway. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jeff Scott of Southside Sportsman Association requests reduced rate on 9-12-2019 at Locust Grove Event Center for a fundraiser banquet. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Elections were tabled until the District IV appointment is made.

Old Business:

Wayne Swanson stated a sign at Nash has a pile of bricks behind it. Tim stated the sign was falling apart and our maintenance crews will haul off the debris because it was a cheaper option. Wayne wanted a clarification about people leaving things at the rental facility will not receive a refund until items are picked up and if Department staff have to remove the items then they lose the deposit.

Jonathan Buck asked about status of raising fees at Village Park. Tim Coley stated the County and Cities are negotiating SDS (Service Delivery Strategy) agreements. The County will address the fees after those agreements are completed. Renters are having incidents at Village Park that really need Park Rangers to monitor like groups running over the rented times, placing trash in dumpster, etc. He would like the County to consider renting the pavilion to one renter per day and raising the rate. Jonathan Buck stated a renter was told he could use a charcoal grill but James Martin explained the rental application clearly states only gas grills are allowed. Village Park is the only pavilion that has a staff person budgeted to assist with rental events and custodial duties. The Department has completed a survey with surrounding County departments for pricing.

The County will address fees, deposits, park rangers, personnel and supplies. It will depend on the funding sources identified by the County after the SDS is completed. Park rangers can work on weekends and verify if a group should receive their refundable deposit. Firms were hired to represent the County and Cities.

Department Reports:

John Dewberry, Jr. requested a revenue report for Locust Grove Event Center rentals.

Wayne Swanson requested a revenue report on 20% of rentals for Nash Farm and wants to know where the funds are. Tim explained that the County's Finance Department handles breaking that down and the report. Tim will get the information from Finance if Commissioner Clemmons does not have it.

Public Comments:

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite Football, addressed the board regarding a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at South Point Mall last year. The rain stopped the event for a time. He will propose at the next meeting to move the event to the covered Jason T. Harper Event Center at Heritage Park. Georgia Elite will host their 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Avalon Park after their game.

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 9:52 a.m.