

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 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 9:00 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 Pastor Morgan, Peter Bonner (Historical & Hysterical Tours), Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite Football), Lyndon Bonner (County Manager), and Staff: Tim Coley 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 Tommy Mitchell to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016**. Dan Judson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Lynn Davis requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 10-22-16 at Nash Farm Park for a Wedding. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Michelle Jenkins requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 11-19-16 at Nash Farm Park for a Wedding Reception. Eugene Edwards made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Terrie Gladish requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 11-19-16 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding Reception. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Tommy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Luther Phillips, Henry County Fire Department, requests reduced rates for The Cotton Fields Golf Club on 10-22-16 for a retirement party. Dan Judson made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jennifer Wollett, Union Grove High School, requests reduced rates for the Nash Farm Activity Barn on 11-4-2016 for a Volleyball Banquet. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Tommy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Zach Welliver, Eagles Landing First Baptist Church, requests reduced rates for the Nash Farm Activity Barn on 12-31-16 for The Gathering. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Dan Judson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Contract changes for amplified music

Tim stated contract changes may be needed to address amplified music. He received a couple of complaints about inappropriate music being played at football games and the fair. Dan Judson made a motion to change contracts to address amplified music. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nash Farm Park Presentation

Peter Bonner is looking to use one of the livestock barns at Nash Farm Park. He does the Gone with the Wind tours in Jonesboro. He is looking for a place to display the door, window and side porch where Melanie talks to the soldiers from the movie set of Gone with the Wind and give tours. The barn has electricity, sewer and water. Peter Bonner has volunteers to improve the facility. Tourism generates revenue in Georgia. He would like Henry County to provide the liability insurance. Peter Bonner proposed a partnership. He would be the curator to get a piece of the money; Talmadge Family gets a cut of the gate and they all make money along with the County. Peter Bonner addressed black history. Peter Bonner reported that the CVB and the Chamber are interested in getting tour buses in Henry County to visit the facilities. No action was required from the board. The Board of Commissioners wants feedback from the Recreation Board.

McDonough Youth Association (MYA) Football Insurance

McDonough Youth Association does not offer Youth Football any longer under their umbrella. The former MYA Youth Football had a lapse in liability insurance. They played 1 ½ months without insurance. They borrowed concession funds to get insurance late. They are in arrears on paperwork and impact fees. They are having financial problems. Coaches are good but the leadership is having problems.

Georgia Elite was approached about placing the program under their umbrella as a partnership and pay the impact fees and liability insurance of the former MYA Youth Football Program. Georgia Elite leadership would not change to accommodate anyone that was not prepared to be in a leadership role. Avalon Park is owned by the City of McDonough. The facility use agreement would need to be amended. Impact fees would have to be caught up. The Association needs to have a 501c3 and be registered with the State of Georgia. Their coaching is fine but the leadership needs to fall under someone else. Mr. Bonner, County Manager, addressed the Advisory Board and stated the contracts would need to be reviewed.

Tim will send a letter to the former MYA Youth Football program stating the Board's position and addressing accountability of: the breach of contract, numbers dropping in the last 1 ½ years, arrears in spring and fall impact fees, arrears in liability insurance, and arrears in paperwork. The Association will have 15 days to clear up the matter or award the space to another association.

Tyron Williams invited the Recreation Board to Pilgreens on December 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. for and the end of the year celebration with the Elite Football Program.

Old Business:

The County Manager stated Cotton Fields Golf Course looks the best it has in 20 years and thanked Tim for his efforts. Tim and the County are looking for ways to fund the cart path improvements. Golf Sponsorships to repair the cart paths are \$900 and the course provides a granite T-Box sign.

Eugene Edwards thanked everyone for their assistance in District V to make repairs to Hidden Valley Park paving and taking care of the Recreation Center floor and workout equipment.

Pastor Morgan addressed the board on utilizing the Locust Grove Recreation Center and wanted reduced pricing and an agreement before he submitted a schedule. Eugene Edwards explained that the Board needs a written schedule of requested dates in order to review his request. Lyndon Bonner stated the County has established rental prices for the facility.

Comments:

Department Report:

The Board will not reschedule the November Recreation Board meeting.

Park Report:

Tim reported Fairview Park fields and Restroom/Storage building are 80 percent complete. The split wooden board will be wrapped. The County aims to complete the project by January 2016.

Hampton Senior / Recreation Center will not have a gym but will have an indoor walking track and exercise area. A gym would have to be addressed in the next SPLOST.

Enclosing the Jason T. Harper Event Center to condition it for year round use will begin in December 2016. More renovations for the facility will have to take place in the next SPLOST.

A tree needs to be removed at North Ola Park in order to add more parking spots.

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 11:00 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval