

**Henry County Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at Heritage Park. The media was notified of this meeting. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Heritage Park Recreation Office. Tommy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Terry Sanders arrived shortly after and chaired the meeting.

**Those present were:**

Tommy Mitchell, District I, Vice-Chairman  
Dan Judson, District II  
David Wilkerson, District III  
Eugene Edwards, District V

Also attending were Chris Cannon, Chris Williams (North Henry Football), Pastor Morgan, Chris Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, (The Generals Football) and Staff: Tim Coley, Jim Joyce, Donna Holder, and Kenny R. Morris.

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

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, August 16, 2016**. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:**

Tara Eberhart of Smith, Welch, Webb and White requested to serve alcoholic beverages at the Locust Grove Event Center for a mixed event on 12-3-16. Dan Judson made a motion to approve the request. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mindy Palacios requested to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farms for a birthday party on 10-8-16. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Dan Judson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jorge Ochoa requested to serve alcoholic beverages at the Locust Grove Event Center on 10-15-16 for a birthday party. Eugene Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Dan Judson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Requests to reduce fees:**

Lynn Bourn requested reduced rates at the Jason T. Harper Event Center for a Humane Society Fundraiser on October 15, 2016. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request at the staff suggested rates. Dan Judson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Quanisha Dawson requested reduced rates at the Locust Grove Event Center for an Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser on May 27, 2017. Eugene Edwards made a motion to approve the request at the staff suggested rates. David Wilkerson seconded the request. The motion passed.

Jeff Allie requested reduced rates at Nash Farm Activity Barn for the Locust Grove High School Cross Country Team Banquet on November 17, 2016. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request at the staff suggested rates. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chris Cannon, with Hampton Youth Club, made an appeal to the board for a background check that was denied. He stated he has had a clean record for the past 10 years. Jim Joyce is the staff member in charge of background checks. He stated Mr. Cannon had several issues. These types of cases have been denied due to the liability to the County. Tim had Police Department review the case. The Police Department stated it looked like the charges were processed as interference with custody and was never changed on the record. They suggested he go back to Spalding County to see if the charge can be changed to interference with custody.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Edwards wanted an update on the Hidden Valley Park road repair. It has mud puddles and is a safety concern. Kenny R. Morris met with DOT asphalt engineers. DOT is scheduling Hidden Valley Park and Cochran Park asphalt repairs. Tim explained that the expense of mobilizing will determine when they can do the project. If DOT can't do it for six months, then we can get a quote from the private sector but the County would have to designate funds for that.

The Hidden Valley Park tennis courts need to be resurfaced. They are cracked. There is no capital project funds available unless the County designates it.

The exercise equipment needs to come out at the Fairview Rec Center. Commissioner Holmes stated he would speak with Bull to decide. Mr. Edwards stated he talked to Bull and Bull wants it removed by the end of the month because it does not match the existing equipment. Tim has ordered two new exercise bikes.

The Fairview Rec Center floor rises and buckles due to the concrete. Kenny stated the floor company said the whole floor needs to come up. Two bumps are concrete imperfections and we would have to take up the whole floor to grind sections. Mr. Edwards wants to meet with Kenny and the floor guy.

### **Comments:**

Pastor Morgan addressed the board. He wants full use of the Locust Grove Rec Center Auditorium, paying no more than the basement used by the Locust Grove Historical Society. He appeared before the Board in spring 2016. Pastor Morgan made a formal request and wants to know the revenue the auditorium has received in the past 12 months. He spoke with Chief Patton and Mayor Price about making things better and addressing unrest in the community. He would like it for 12 months and incorporate basketball for youth. He wants to be spontaneous and not be encumbered by policies. He wants office space to store nonperishable items and clothes. The Board needs a formal request with specific days and times. Tim handed out Pastor Morgan's email request to the Board. HCPRD has classes, memberships and many Therapeutic Recreation programs based out of that facility along with rentals for the community. No blanket usage is allowed because the community needs access to the Community Center and not just one entity. Pastor Morgan believes the facility remains dormant 99% of the time. Pastor Morgan wants to be there at his discretion. The Board needs a formal request with specific days and times (who, what, where, when and a calendar).

### **Department Report:**

Golf Course looks good.

**Park Report:**

**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 10:21 a.m.

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Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval