

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 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:

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 were: Tyron Williams (Ga Elite Football), Chris Williams (North Henry Youth Football Association), and Staff: Tim Coley, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve the agenda with one additional request to serve alcoholic beverages by Myriam Colon on 11-12-17. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017**. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Kathy Hunt request to serve alcoholic beverages at the Cotton Fields Pavilion on 10-25-17 for a banquet. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Myriam Colon request to serve alcoholic beverages at Nash Farm Park on 11-12-17 for a baby shower. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Jeff Allie requested reduced rates at Nash Farm Park for an athletic banquet for Locust Grove High and Middle School Cross Country Teams on 11-16-17. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Uessler requested reduced rates at Nash Farm Park for a fundraiser to benefit the Academy for Advanced Studies on 11-13-17. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Jonathan Buck requested Village Park picnic areas be pressure washed. Tim stated park maintenance will pressure wash the area and advised that John Bailey can place work orders online or calling it in to the main line

770.288.7300 when items need to be addressed. He can also leave a message on the answering machine after hours.

Jonathan Buck stated there needs to be additional signs installed at the trail area that state No Pets Allowed or preferably states No Dogs Allowed. Kenny will have DOT make more signs for each entrance of the trail.

Commissioner Wilson requested John Dewberry, Jr. look into surveying the following topics: conditions of fields at the end of each year by the coaches, how coaches interact with the kids, concessions, satisfaction level from the parents, etc. The common questions to each association will have to be worded correctly to make it fair to parents and coaches. Chris Williams stated parent involvement affects the level of service from the youth associations. Associations need to define parent's talents and skill sets to contribute to the association. Parents need to bring solutions to the problems not just the problems. Tim needs a common set of core questions and the associations can add a few questions as well.

John Dewberry, Jr. stated that Commissioner Wilson received complaints about the lights at Warren Holder Park being left on. Kenny Lee stated the Association had given us the wrong practice schedule and that is what the light confusion stemmed from. That Association was not scheduling practice times for each team but a block of times that were first come first serve. They were told to schedule the practice times and lights accordingly. Kenny Lee can override the computerized light schedule.

The parking lot lights at the Locust Grove Conference Center are leased from Central Ga EMC and we reported to them that 10 out of 12 of their lights were not working and they stated they would repair it. The Facility Attendant stated the week before that the lights were working. On September 26th, Commissioner Wilson reported the lights were on at Tanger Station and no one was playing. He did not state the time. Tyron stated that he had problems when he sat on Board with Locust Grove but the lights were never one of them. Kenny R. Morris stated that the County will add photo cell lights to the building to allow people at Warren Holder Park to have lights to get to the parking lot and not keep the athletic field lights on for that reason.

A waterline busted at Sandy Ridge Park BMX track. A work order was submitted to Facility Maintenance after John Dewberry, Jr. reported it. The Association did not report the waterline was busted. We rely heavily on the youth associations to report any work orders that need repairs.

Chris Williams stated a Shauandrez Fitzgerald needs to be banned from North Henry Park. He had a confrontation with the team mom of his team. The team mom is married to the coach of the team. He made threats on social media about Anthony, the Director of the park. Anthony made a police report. The parent requested a refund. David Wilkerson made a motion to get a TPO or Restraining Order and do a certified letter to ban the parent from the park and football fields with a copy to the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department will send the letter when we are provided the name, address, email address and phone number. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chris will add a code of conduct form to their registration process if it is not already in there. Parents have meetings with the coaches at the beginning of the season to go over expectations from parents and coaches. Brandi Dailey will make sure it is in the youth association manual.

Old Business:

Discussion was held about written language for age appropriate music played during events that have amplified music. We received a complaint about the music played during the 2016 Fair. We have no park rangers. Police can act with an ordinance but not without an ordinance. Staff will review policies and ordinances of Board of Education and possibly some other Recreation Departments to bring back to the Board at the December meeting. Tim will send the Kiwanis Club letter and copy the Board to inform the Kiwanis Club that music needs to be all audience appropriate.

Tim stated he met with Risk Management and we are in compliance and are not required to do anything further for the electrical panel boxes at Richard Craig Park but he relayed Chris' recommendation about the signage and he agreed. The signs were ordered and may be placed at the parks that are on the old light systems.

Public Comments:

Department Report:

Quarterly reports are in the packets.

Park Report:

Adjournment:

A motion was made by David Wilkerson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Buck. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval