

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, February 20, 2018

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 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
David Wilkerson, District III, Vice-Chairman
Terry Sanders, District IV, Chairman
Jonathan F. Buck, District V

Also attending were: Tyron Williams (Ga Elite Football), John Heatly (Ga Elite Football), Rita Bailey, Cheri Matthews (County Manager), Brad Johnson (Assistant County Manager), Alford Williams (HOA), and Staff: Tim Coley, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, Kathy Hunt, and Donna Holder.

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

Motion was made by David Wilkerson to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Ron and Dee Geraci request to serve alcoholic beverages at Cotton Fields Golf Pavilion for a 50 Year Anniversary event on 03-03-2018. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Myisha Mitchell request to serve alcoholic beverages at the Locust Grove Event Center for a wedding on 03-03-2018. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Wayne Swanson request reduced rates for District II Community Outreach Event of Easter Sunrise Service at Nash Farm Park on 04-01-2018. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Yasna Grainger, Southern Grace Hospice Foundation, request reduced rates for Annual Butterfly Release Memorial event at Jason T. Harper Event Center on 06-02-2018. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Glenda Harris, Communities in Schools, request reduced rates for Parent Expo free event at Jason T. Harper Event Center on 07-21-2018. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beatriz Lovio, County Employee, request reduced rates for Wedding Ceremony and Reception events at Cotton Fields Golf Pavilion on 08-18-2018. David Wilkerson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Jonathan Buck stated some trees need to be replaced at Village Park. He would also like some No Parking signs up to keep people off the grass. The rentals at the Community Building at Village Park should be sent from James Martin, Fairview Recreation Center staff, to John Bailey, Village Park staff. John Bailey stated he is now receiving the reservation notifications. The Bruce Holmes Foundation mentoring groups need to reserve the facility every year and ensure they are on the calendar. They follow the school calendar. The mentoring programs are willing to relocate to the Fairview Recreation Center if needed for a special event or rental as long as they know in advance. The Village Park Splash Pad recoating is being scheduled by the SPLOST office. Tim clarified that if a tournament is over a certain size then they are required to have security. Tim clarified that if a large event is planned then they are supposed to go through Planning and Zoning Special Events Committee to get a special event permit. Planning and Zoning will ensure that you have reserved a Parks and Recreation facility through the Parks and Recreation Department and then advise if security, fire, health department, etc. is needed. Charcoal grills are not allowed in the parks. Out of County residents are charged more for picnic facility rentals.

Alford Williams, HOA, addressed the Board. They are a 501c3 and would like to use the Bear Creek facility at a reduced rate. Tim stated he would have to review the calendar. The weekends would require a 4 hour rental. We will forward Mr. Williams a request for reduced rates to fill out for the Board's review.

Old Business:**Department Reports:**

Kathy Hunt handed out 2018 Calendars and the 2017 Annual Report. The Calendars are made from the annual Parks and Recreation photo contest. Information on the SeeClickFix mobile app for Henry County was distributed. Tim stated the Winter Break Day Camps were in session. The athletic fields may be ready by the first to the third week of March due to the weather. The worst fields have been addressed.

Public Comments:

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite Football, addressed the board about NFL flag football. They are starting a robotics program. Another association that played at Stockbridge High School put out information to the schools that looked similar to Georgia Elite. Stockbridge High School was redoing their track so the Stockbridge High School coach tried to relocate the program to JP Moseley during construction. The School did not want to put the program under the school's insurance, etc. The program did not apply to be an association.

John Heatly, Georgia Elite Football, addressed the board concerning the 3 on 3 event at Southpoint Mall last year. He is also now working with Georgia Elite Football. They are looking to do the 3 on 3 event again at Southpoint Mall on June 16 or 23, 2018.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Wilkerson. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.