

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. 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 9:02 a.m.

Those present were:

John Dewberry, Jr., District I, Vice-Chairman
Alford Williams, District II
David Wilkerson, District III, Chairman
Tyrone C. Anderson, Sr., District IV
Jonathan F. Buck, District V

Also attending: Leonard Harris (The Generals Football) and Staff: Jonathon Penn, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, and Donna Holder.

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

John Dewberry, Jr. made the motion to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

None.

Requests to reduce fees:

None.

New Business:

The Board requested volunteer youth association contact information for Locust Grove, Hampton and Sandy Ridge Parks.

Each year we nominate employees for the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association District and State awards. This year the following staff have achieved this honor:

We had five (5) employees that received awards from GRPA State and were recognized in front of the BOC on the Wednesday, November 4th meeting. Below are the names and the award they received from GRPA State:

Jerry Belcastro - Administration/Leadership Network Distinguished Professional
Peggy Hesselbach - Athletics/Aquatics Network Distinguished Professional
Bryan Dixon - Parks Maintenance Operations Network Distinguished Professional
Cheryl Williams - Recreation Programming Network Distinguished Professional
Chris Geiger - Athletics/Aquatics Network Outstanding Volunteer

GRPA District awards will be presented at the District Meeting held on November 18, 2020, via Zoom:

Jerry Belcastro - District 6 Administration/Leadership Network Distinguished Professional

Cheryl Williams - District 6 Recreation Programming Network Distinguished Professional

Old Business:

John Bailey inquired about speed bumps for playground area at Village Park. Kenny Morris explained that signage and placement is an issue and he needs more input. John Bailey stated that the pavilion rentals and refundable deposits need to be addressed. He believes surrounding counties may charge more to rent their facilities. Alford Williams would like the County to review the rental revenue to see if it justifies the salaries of the Park Rangers. The rental reservations and revenues for this year are altered due to COVID-19. Jonathon Penn stated this may be addressed during the Mid-Year Budget Reviews in January. Park Rangers need to be in place in order to enforce the clean-up deposits.

Department Reports:

Reports and calendars were emailed out to the Board. Jonathon Penn stated the Board of Commissioners may change the Recreation Board meetings to virtual if they deem it necessary. The Project Update Software may be ready soon to track projects. Alford Williams would like to track the progress of Nash Farm Park and Jonathon Penn will meet with him to update. Speed bumps may be installed at Hidden Valley Park to deter violations.

Public Comments:

John Bailey stated the Police were called about four wheelers in Village Park.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. Alford Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Donna Holder, Administrative Coordinator

Date of approval