

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at Heritage Park. 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 9:01 a.m.

Those present were:

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

Also attending: Alford A. Williams, Chris Williams (North Henry Football), Chris Murphy (The Generals Youth Football), and Dawn Wilkerson, Staff: Vince Miller, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey and Donna Holder.

Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the agenda. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wayne Swanson made the motion to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, November 19, 2019**. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

Robin Jones, Prevent Child Abuse Henry County, request to serve alcohol on 2-29-2020 for a fundraiser at the Locust Grove Event Center. Wayne Swanson made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Requests to reduce fees:

Karen Watkins request reduced rates on 5-2-2020 for Luella High School NJROTC Booster Fundraiser at the Locust Grove Event Center. John Dewberry Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adam Merritt, Ola High School Baseball, request reduced rates on 3-14-2020 for a fundraiser at the Locust Grove Event Center. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

A proposal to increase fees at Locust Grove Event Center was handed out to the board for future consideration.

Jonathan Buck relayed that John Bailey requested an ant treatment for the Community Building. John had requested that from Kenny already. He stated that Commissioner Holmes wants signs on the event lawn that read: No Cleats or No Athletic Cleats.

There is still writing on the sidewalk. Kenny stated the hot water pressure washer and remover were applied and it may have to wear off. Kenny will take another look at it also.

He wanted to know when the double gate would be unlocked on the athletic fields. They are currently closed for winter.

Wayne Swanson wanted an update on when the renovations would begin on the Nash Farm Activity Barn. Construction of the Multi-Cultural Arts Theater should begin at the Activity Barn at Nash Farm Park in January 2020 after the existing rentals are complete. Completion is anticipated by March 19, 2020. Wayne stated he and the board received an email from Claud Spinks that does the Cross County. Claud was concerned about the finish line near the rodeo gate area. Kenny reported that the County has met and accommodated Claud Spinks with the Cross Country College Event at Nash Farm Park. Gravel or asphalt millings may have to be added to the area where the rodeo vendors park. This may be done before their next meet. Wayne complimented the Department on the Tree Lighting event at Nash Farm Park.

Old Business:

Department Reports:

Financial Reports and the Calendar of Events are in the Board's packets.

Public Comments:

Alford Williams addressed the Board on any plans for a gym or other amenities on the west side of I-75. SPLOST funds were voted on but no timeframe or site as of yet. He asked if there are plans to enlarge the baseball fields at Coley Park in Hampton. There are no plans to enlarge the fields at Coley Park. Coley Park has the largest 13-14 year old athletic field in the County.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval