

**Henry County Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 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 9:05 a.m.

**Those present were:**

John Dewberry, Jr., District I  
Alford Williams, District II  
David Wilkerson, District III, Chairman  
Tyrone C. Anderson, Sr., District IV

Also attending: Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite) and Staff: Tim Coley, Jonathon Penn, Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, and Donna Holder.

John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda. Alford Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Dewberry, Jr. made the motion to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, August 18, 2020**. Alford Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:**

None.

**Requests to reduce fees:**

Joanie Whitson, Henry County Cancer Services, request reduced rate for a Joy of the Season Gala at the Locust Grove Event Center on 12/06/2020. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Tyrone Anderson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

Tim stated Youth Tackle Football was canceled. HCPRD will have Youth Fall Baseball- 60 Teams, Softball – 37 Teams, and Soccer. Kids are coming back slowly. Youth Basketball registration may begin in October.

**Old Business:**

Alford Williams requested updates. Hampton Youth only registered 4 teams in baseball. They do not have a need for a larger field at this time. Traditionally Parks and Rec participation ends at ages 13-14 so no County parks have high school size fields. Hampton High School has allowed HCPRD to utilize their two gyms for the youth basketball program in the past. There are not County owned gyms in Hampton, Ola or McDonough. There are plans for a Rec Center with a gym to be built at N. Mt. Carmel Park with SPLOST funds. There are

no plans to add a gym to Bear Creek Rec Center. JP stated that the County met with Commissioners about SPLOST projects and capital improvements and that project was not identified for funding at this time. There are no bike trails are planned at this time. Talks regarding a comprehensive parks multiuse trail system throughout the County are in the infant stages. Connectivity access points will be addressed with Transportation and Comprehensive Parks Master Plan. Community residents input sessions and the consultants will help forecast what we need to build in the County for the next 10 years.

**Department Reports:**

Financial Reports were emailed out to the Board.

**Public Comments:**

Tyron Williams of Georgia Elite greeted the Board. Flag and Tackle Football seasons were canceled again. They will try to have a tournament for the flag football players. They may have a Jamboree on October 10th and a Regional NFL Flag Tournament on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Tyron requested the County reconsider creating a Rec Youth Tackle Football Program for Henry County. Tyron stated the current leagues that exist are chaotic (music, behavior, etc.). Georgia Elite was going to play with Capital City Youth Alliance. North Henry plays NYFA. Locust Grove plays SYFC out of Pike County. There are a couple of other leagues. Tyron is thinking about starting a league with a couple of surrounding counties. He was not sure what league The Generals were going to play in.

**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 9:29 a.m.

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Donna Holder, Administrative Coordinator

Date of approval