

**Henry County Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 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 9:00 a.m.

**Those present were:**

John Dewberry, Jr., District I  
Wayne Swanson, District II  
David Wilkerson, District III, Vice-Chairman  
**Vacancy**, District IV,  
Jonathan F. Buck, District V

Also attending: Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite Youth Football), Chris Williams (North Henry Youth Football Association), Chris Murphy (The Generals Youth Football), Aaron Bolden (Bruce Holmes Athletic Association), Jeremy York, Kinard Turner (Bruce Holmes Athletic Association – Ellenwood Raiders Football) and Staff: Vincent Miller, Tim Coley and Donna Holder.

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

Motion was made by John Dewberry, Jr. to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019**. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:**

Valerie Bean requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 3-30-2019 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Matthew Todd requests to serve alcoholic beverages on 3-23-2019 at the Locust Grove Event Center for a Wedding. Jonathan Buck made a motion to approve the request. John Dewberry, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Requests to reduce fees:**

Kai-Lin Conner requests employee reduced rate on 10-5-2019 at Nash Farm Park Carriage House and Activity Barn for a Wedding. John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Jonathan Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

Sponsorship Opportunity for Winddown Wednesday event at Village Park was handed out and discussed. The event is Jazz and held at other locations: College Park, East Point, Jonesboro, Centennial Park, Lithonia etc. They want to partner with the County. The Board needs to consider closing the park down at 2 pm for the

event. The board had several questions and concerns: trash, 250 parking spots, space, impact on surrounding areas near the park, police duties, maximum number of participants, fees, etc. Tim made a call to the County to get more information for the Board. The County had a few meetings about the event. There will be no partnership. Tim asked the board to forward their concerns and questions via email and he would present that information to the County. Wayne Swanson made a motion to table the request until additional information is available. John Dewberry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

John Dewberry, Jr. made a motion to table the elections until the District 4 position is appointed. Wayne Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jonathan Buck had to run people off three times at the locked football field at Village Park. The fields are locked when they are treated or not playable. Tim advised him to call the Police. Jonathan Buck also asked about baseball at Hidden Valley Park playing at Cochran Park. Hidden Valley Park has 13 teams and 9 ballfields. The Hidden Valley Park baseball program has many issues. Hoover is running a good program out of Cochran Park. There is no 13-14 field at Hidden Valley Park. Bruce Holmes agreed that the two big fields on the right will turn into soccer fields at Hidden Valley Park.

### **Department Reports:**

Vince Miller reported he is working on documentation of coaches for spring and certification clinic for ethics in the fall. GRPA magazines were handed out with the Board's packets.

Tim advised one of the two new ballfields being constructed at North Ola is a 13-14 field that will be ready in the fall. When 13-14 baseball moves from Sandy Ridge to North Ola Park, the Sandy Ridge field may be converted into two softball fields if possible. More than 200 girls are playing softball out of Sandy Ridge Park.

### **Public Comments:**

Tyron Williams, Georgia Elite, updated the board. There is no fence for him to lock gates at Avalon Park. Opening day for flag football at Avalon Park is this weekend.

The Board discussed Flag Football at Village Park. Georgia Elite will not hold spring Flag Football at Village Park. Tyron stated he informed James "Bull" Martin. Tim will ask Bull to attend future meetings because he is the coordinator for flag football, soccer, lacrosse and tackle football utilizing Village Park athletic fields. Aaron wanted to run the concession, advertise the program and enter teams in Tyron's spring flag football league at Village Park. Tyron responded it created confusion by Aaron advertising conflicting prices for the same league. The lease for spring at Village Park is up since Georgia Elite passed on the season.

Aaron Bolden, Bruce Holmes Athletic Association, would like to hold flag football at Village Park in the future. Aaron updated the board on the 7 on 7 tournament for this Sunday. They are expecting 30 teams. Tim stated he needed one additional agreement document from Aaron for the tournament. If it was sent, Tim has not received it. Tim has the rest of the documents. Aaron introduced Kinard Turner that will be the Assistant Director of the Ellenwood Raiders Program. He was formerly with Georgia Elite.

Chris Williams, North Henry Football, asked if the County was trying to acquire the Football fields and track at the soon to be former Henry County High School. The maintenance is an issue. The Board of Education is discussing it with the Board of Commissioners. It would need to be improved under the SPLOST program by making it a rubber track, adding field turf, etc.

### **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 10:22 a.m.

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Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval