

Henry County Recreation Board
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

The Henry County Recreation Board held their public meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 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 9:05 a.m.

Those present were:

Tommy Mitchell, District I, Vice-Chairman
Dan Judson, District II
David Wilkerson, District III
Terry Sanders, District IV, Chairman
Eugene Edwards, District V

Also attending were Daron Jackson (McDonough Cougars Football), Tyron Williams (Georgia Elite Football), Chris Murphy (The Generals Football), Chris Williams (North Henry Football), Kinard Turner () and Staff: Kenny R. Morris, Brandi Dailey, Vince Miller and Donna Holder.

Motion was made by Eugene Edwards to approve the agenda. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Tommy Mitchell to approve minutes from last meeting held on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016**. David Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Requests to serve alcoholic beverages:

None.

Requests to reduce fees:

1. Gino Rice, Senior Naval Science Instructor at Luella High School, requests to use the Locust Grove Event Center at a reduced rate for the Luella High School Military Ball on 5-13-2017. Dan Judson made a motion to approve the request. Tommy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Pastor Morgan just faxed a letter requesting reduced fees for three months at the Locust Grove Recreation Center with no specific days or times. David Wilkerson made a motion to deny the request because Pastor Morgan did not specify days and times. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. Discussion was held. He should have had this on the agenda ahead of time. Dates are needed in order to calculate fees. This request would cut out community access to the Recreation Center. The Locust Grove Historical Society has artifacts in the basement and it was agreed on by the County when they purchased the facility. Donna Holder did not have time to verify the schedule of the facility because the request was faxed during the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Kenny R. Morris updated the board regarding the Fairview Recreation Center floor repairs and reviewed pictures. He had a floor representative come out in early October to meet with Mr. Edwards, Mr. Martin and Kenny regarding bubbles in the flooring at the workout area. He thought it was moisture from the concrete. Mr. Martin got in touch with the contractor that installs the flooring and obtained a quote to replace the entire workout equipment area and another quote to patch in the bubbles. He recommended the entire area be done and install a moisture barrier to prevent it from happening again. Existing flooring is 5-6 years old so a patch would be noticeable. Tim wanted the Board's recommendation so the County can review it for possible funding. Mr. Edwards worried that the bubbles might be a trip hazard for seniors. David Wilkerson made a motion to recommend replacing the entire floor for the estimated \$24,250 and not patch the area. Eugene Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tyron Williams requested an update on the field usage agreement at Avalon Park. He stated the McDonough Cougar Football exposed the County to liability and did not pay their impact fees. Tyron wanted to clarify he did not bring that up at the last meeting. Tyron stated he needs to know soon. Vince Miller stated Daron is the gentleman he left the program with. McDonough Cougar Football had some things occur with 30 day insurance lapse. It turns out the league they were in overcharged them by \$2,500. They have received the funds back and are not in the red. There were impact fees due from previous administrations. It has been rectified. They have a plan. Vince stated that for the last few months he had tried to bring Georgia Elite and the McDonough Cougars together with a merger to occupy Avalon Park and bring back Rec Football to the area. He had conversations with Tyler, Kinard and Daron. Insurance was paid mid October. Impact fees has balance for this fall. Brandi reported she received a partial payment yesterday.

The Board stated they believed both boards might merge after the meeting last month. It could be a great opportunity to offer flag and tackle youth football to parents.

Comments:

Tyron Williams spoke on behalf of Amanda Dinkel, Community Relations Coordinator with the Atlanta Falcons. Ms. Dinkel sent a letter but could not attend the meeting. This spring the Atlanta Falcons plan on hosting their own NFL Flag Tournament for any teams in the southeast to attend. They are interested in having the event in Henry County. Kennard Turner clarified he is no longer a part of Georgia Elite and not for a negative reasons but for spiritual reasons. Kennard Turner may join the McDonough Cougars to offer youth flag football.

Daron Jackson with the McDonough Cougars Youth Football introduced himself to the Board. Tim sent an email to the Board for review regarding complaints about a 9 year old team coach and team mom from a McDonough Cougars Youth Football parent. Vince Miller stated the coach is boisterous but not harmful. No other complaints have been made against the coach.

Department Report:

Parks and Recreation Staff will be recognized tonight at the Commissioners meeting. Terry Nash and athlete Michael Collins have the awesome opportunity to represent Special Olympics Georgia and Henry County in the Dream Ride Australia this year. They will leave on November 30th.

Jamey Dixon, GRPA Administrative Support Award to be presented at GRPA Annual Conference in Athens on November 8, 2016.

Jim Joyce was selected to receive the Outstanding Veteran of the Year award by the Andrew McBride Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on November 5, 2016.

Park Report:

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dan Judson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Eugene Edwards. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Donna Holder, Executive Assistant II

Date of approval