

Board Members:

District 1 Christopher Amodeo
District 2: Joe McGriff
District 3: Brent Stogner
District 4
District 5: Quinton Rodgers
District 6: Jonathan Faulkenberry
District 7: David Aspesi, Chairman



LCPR Staff:

Chris Clouden, Director
Teresa Willis, Admin Assistant
John Bodner, County Deputy Administrator

February 28, 2023

6:00 PM

**1228 Colonial Commons
Lancaster, SC 29720**

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, Conference Room**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: David Aspesi, Brent Stogner, Chris Amodeo, Quinton Rodgers, and Joe McGriff

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Faulkenberry

Staff Members/Other present: Chris Clouden, John Bodner and Teresa Willis

Call to Order

Chairman Dave Aspesi called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. Chris Amodeo made the motion and 2nd by Quinton Rodgers

Approval of the Agenda for February 2023 - Chris Amodeo made a motion, 2nd by Brent Stogner

Approval of Minutes from February 2023 Meeting: Chris Amodeo made a motion, 2nd by Brent Stogner

Citizen Comments: None

New Business

A. Staff Updates:

Chris Clouden: We hired a new Assistant Director who will start on March 6th. His name is Jason McCray. The board will be introduced on the next scheduled board meeting. We have hired an additional 4 Part Time Coordinators.

We are working on a bigger plan to have all buildings staffed all day. Staff is working to try to have activities in the Buford and Kershaw Recreation just like what is being offered at Indian Land and Lancaster.

The advertising will begin for the lifeguards in March. They will be getting certified if needed by Ann Small at the YMCA in Lancaster during Spring Break.

B. Spring Sports:

March 18th will be the starting date for all Spring Sports County wide. Harrisburg and Walnut Creek Complex will host soccer the North end. Springdale Complex will host all the Baseball and Softball teams and the Heath Spring Complex will be hosting the Southern division of the Soccer Program.

Discussed the idea of adjusting fees for the sports for the new budget year 23/24. John Bodner added that we want the community to be involved in all areas of Parks and Recreation. Board members feel this is going in the right direction for the community. Brent Stogner asks, if the County Council looks at the minutes for the Advisory Board. John responded by saying that all of the County Council has access to the minutes if they choose to look at the minutes. John said he wants the Advisory Board to speak for their areas of responsibility.

C. LAND DEEDS:

Chris stated there has been some issues with the conversion of land from the City to the County for Springdale. The deeds were never signed. Now the City does not want to hand those land deals over. They want to have the Greenway be part of the city and the County Parks and Recreation continue using as normal. This put a halt on the plans in updating the parking lot at the Springdale Complex and the back part of the building parking lot. The situation is being reviewed.

D. Maintenance Updates:

Getting the fields ready for the Spring sports. Working on the Walnut Creek area. 5 feet of buffer fence will be installed at Walnut Creek trailhead fields to prevent balls from going into the detention pond.

We will have access to \$100,000 in Storm Water Funds to help with upgrades at the Walnut Creek area. Reserving our budget for items to be used in other areas of the park.

E. Capital Projects:

ILRC Annex is being rebid. Using funds for the surveying on the tree line for additional parking at the Indian Land Recreation Center. Discovered that the County owns six additional acres right behind the facility.

Springs Park. Chris had a great meeting with Duke Energy Rep Christy Churchill. Found out that the Park can be used as a source of income for Parks and Recreation for RV 's and camping. With the white water opening in March, this would be a great opportunity for LCPR for a new adventure.

Old Business:

The Naming Rights are still being looked at by the County Attorney. Land United has been causing some problems with our rec program. We are looking into the allegations. They have been told that all Park and Recreations teams take top priority and then the rest would be discussed for rental/use. John Bodner did say that the County is and has been trying to work with them. Brett

Stogner asked about Charlotte Independence. Chris C. responded by saying they are no longer in the county.

Chris C mentioned that the programmers used the coaches from local middle and high schools for Spring sports evaluations. We are also will be using students from USC-L to help in officiating.

John Bodner is trying to work with the new school board and get a line there to start working together.

Advisory Board Comments:

None.

Director Comments:

Hosted a District Tournament in basketball for boys and girls very unexpectedly at the Buford and Indian Land facilities. Teams were all from the Columbia area and our teams. Overall tournament went very well and was successful. Our 8U girls are going to State in Maudlin will update at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Teresa Willis
Administrative Assistant**