

Board Members:

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



LCPR Staff:

Hal Hiott, Director
Katherine Jones, Deputy Director
Teresa Willis, Admin Assistant

April 12, 2022

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, Chris Amodeo, Brent Stogner, Joe McGriff

Board Members Absent: Quinton Rodgers and Jonathan Faulkenberry

Staff Members/Other present: Hal Hiott and Teresa Willis

Call to Order

Chairman David Aspesi called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda for March

Brent Stogner moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chris Amodeo. Motion Passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes from February Meeting

David Aspesi moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chris Amodeo. Motion passed 4-0

Special Presentations: None

Citizen Comments: None

New Business

A. Regional Park Kick off Meeting

Hal: Met last week concerning the kick off for the Regional Park. The County Planner, LCWSD were invited. Lennar was also invited since they are developing the adjacent property.

The Community meetings (Regional Park Public forum) will be held at Walnut Creek and the Lancaster Springdale Recreation Center. The dates and times TBD at this time.

B. Spring Sport and Athletic Division Update:

Hal: Spring sports are in full swing throughout the county. Cassie is doing a great job. We were still down 2 programmers as of last week. On Thursday of last week we did hire one and they started yesterday. Cassie hired another one yesterday but they will not start until late May.

C. Pool Information:

Hal: We have introduced the Swim Coach on Social Media platforms. Registration has started for the swim team and it will run until April 29. Katherine has started interviewing lifeguards. Still looking for an Office Manager at this time.

D. Finance Meeting with City on Pool Operation:

Hal: Katherine meet with the City on the Budget. Got Kershaw's bill for last year. It was over budget but looking through it they found some errors. It dealt with Grant money.

E. Office Moves:

Hal: Just moved a few people around. Cassie has moved into Mike's old office and Mike and Christy Johnson have moved across the hall.

F. Park Division Updates:

Hal: Cliff updated me. Everyone is in full swing doing ball fields and soccer fields. They have installed gates in certain locations and cleaning up limbs from areas around the county. They are still down one maintenance person.

G. 2022-23 Budget Process Update:

Hal: We both attended the workshop. Had a very good power point on the Bond projects. Now it is up to the County Administrator to present his recommend budget to council.

H. Thread Trail Feasibility Information:

Hal: There is a portion of land that is coming across the NC/SC boarder that the Carolina Thread Trail folks are looking at. The Thread Trail is meeting with the neighborhood. There is some grant money available for a feasibility study onto how the crossing should be handled

I. Kick off Organizational Meeting for the State Softball Tournament:

Hal: We had all employees in a round table meeting to start putting ideas and projects together. Katherine is hoping that the City may give us seed money to help in funding this event. Brent Stogner asked the ages that would be coming to the tournament. Hal stated it would be ages 7-12 girls. Not sure on how many in each age group at this time. We also have Richburg area hotels giving us the best group rates and helping in putting the officials up also.

We are going to be putting a package together for every team that will be in the tournament. It will have hotels, restaurants, stores, grocery stores listed, rules, basically the dos and don'ts of the tournament. This event will start on a Friday, July 15th with opening ceremonies and going through Wednesday July 20th, Thursday at the latest.

Old Business

A. Bond Projects Updates:

Hal:

- **Harrisburg Complex**: It is about 80% complete. All turf is now done. Equipment is on site and we all had training on the equipment and the turf. They said that prepping will be usually once a week and around 6 hours of labor. We will have our 1st inspection by the first of May. Brent Stogner asked will the fall programs be using these fields. Right now Hal said that we should. Chris Amodeo asked would we have to move the equipment around to each site. Hal stated that each park will have its own equipment.
- **Indian Land Recreation Center**: It is about 25%. Ruff plumbing is in, roof is going up and once that is completed they will start with the inside part. We are hoping that an opening will be around the end of August of 2022.
- **Heath Springs Complex**: It is about 80-85% complete. We have got playground installed, fields, and building for storage. Boggs will be paving the parking soon. Hopefully will be operating for the Fall Sports.
- We will be going to council about the old EMS Station at the Indian land Recreation. A decision will need to be made to either upgrade the building or remove it. County Council will receive information on upgrading before a decision will be made.

B. Marketing and Public Relations:

Hal: Natalie has been doing a great job. She is now doing all social media for the LCPR and is working with the county on their projects.

C. Follow up on request from individual to reconsider background findings:

Hal: I did send out the letter stating what the decision was and also included information to help him contacting the Solicitor's Office.

D. Staffing Issues Continues:

Hal: It is down county wide. Every Department in the County has been effected by this. With Council approving the pay raises this hopefully will bring the staff we need.

Advisory Board Comments:

Brent Stogner noted that a lady made comments about the baseball program not having their uniforms on time for the jamboree/picture day. He told her that the supply chain is down and it is not just LCPR that it is an issue with a lot of ball teams. Hal added that the ball caps were the hardest to find with all the colors. We finally found a supplier that could get us all gray caps for the entire league. We went even further in telling the parent when they called about the concern of not having this or that we could offer a partial refund.

Directors Comments:

Just wanted to add that LCPR is busy and getting ready for the new things that are and will be happening in the future.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 6:50pm by David Aspesi.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Teresa Willis – Administrator Assistant