

Board Members:

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



LCPR Staff:

Christopher Clouden, Director
Jason McCray – Assistant Director
Teresa Willis, Admin Assistant

April 18, 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, Jonathan Faulkenberry, Quinton Rodgers and Joe McGriff

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members/Other present: Jason McCray, Teresa Willis and Cliff Henson

Call to Order

Chairman Dave Aspesi called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Brent Stogner made the motion and 2nd by Jonathan Faulkenberry

Jason McCray introduced himself. And talked about his

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

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

Citizen Comments: None

New Business

A. Staff Updates:

Jason: Hiring for the Summer Camp. Still have a 6th position open for the Sports Programmers job. Waiting for the Budget to be approved we are asking for a position for an individual to be hired as Field Rental Programmer. If this position is not approved, we are going to take the 6th programmers position for that position. We will then have the remaining 5 programmers take on the Adult Sports which we were wanting to use the 6th programmer position for. Brent asks if that position was approved would they start on July 1, 2023. Jason said they would not start then.

B. Pool:

Chris and Jason met with the lifeguards last week. Had a lot of good information given on how things went last year. We are changing the General Public swim this year. They will be able to swim now until 6:00pm. We are also working on the swim lessons for this year. The Pool Manager this year is Louie Prete. Our Swim Team Coach is returning. Jason and Chris did an inspection of the pool and had to have a company come out and clean. Chris is working on getting those individuals certified or recertified for lifeguard training.

C. Spring Sports:

Cliff Henson gave the update since he was present for the meeting. We have finalized the schedules in giving every team home and away games now. We also scheduled the makeup pictures for the baseball program. Still had a few issues with the uniforms but Ronnie from Gameday has worked very hard with us in getting everyone their correct uniform whether it was redoing a whole team or just individuals. Cliff spoke briefly on the Adult Sports they have been working to bring to our Adults in the community.

D. Maintenance & Operation Updates

The crew is working to update some of the fields. Chris Amodeo ask what were some of the updates were, Jason spoke and said there were a little things throughout the county.

E. Grounds Consolidation

Jason spoke about the consolidation of the county maintenance and the LCPR maintenance merging as one. Right now, the County Administrator wants to put LCPR crew under the county. David Aspesi asks why not take the 4 from the county and bring them to LCPR under our crew. Jason said they feel the move to be money saving. David Aspesi then asks the entire board if they agreed with the proposal on the moving of LCPR Crew to the County. All unanimously agreed this would be a very poor move for the Recreation Department, they stated that our department would suffer a great loss in fields, parks, and maintenance in general. Chris Amodeo stated that the board should put a statement out from them. Brent Stogner said that each member should talk with their county council member on this.

F. FY 2023-2024 Budget Update:

Jason said that Chris and himself want to upgrade the pay for the Maintenance department from starting pay from \$12 and raise to \$16.00. They are more than just grass cutters. We are trying to make it to where people want to apply for the jobs. Bringing their pay would be a great start.

Old Business:

No one had anything.

Advisory Board Comments:

Brent asked about the lady that was ejected from the fields. Jason briefly spoke about the situation and said she was suspended from a game and practice and that the official was also suspended 1 day of

calling games. Brent then ask if there was any video of the incident and Jason said he could forward it to any member that wanted to see it.

Director Comments: N/A

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Teresa Willis
Administrative Assistant**