

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:

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

May 10, 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, Jonathan Faulkenberry, Brent Stogner, Quinton Rodgers

Board Members Absent: Chris Amodeo and Joe McGriff

Staff Members/Other present: Hal Hiott and Teresa Willis

Call to Order

Chairman David Aspesi called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda for May 2022

Brent Stogner moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Quinton Rodgers. Motion Passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes from April Meeting

Quinton Rodgers moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Brent Stogner. Motion passed 4-0

Special Presentations: None

Citizen Comments: None

New Business

A. 2022-2023 Budget Information and updates:

Hal: Allan Blackmon wanted to go 5% raise but they don't want to have to have a tax increase for the county. Brent Stogner ask who would the raise effect in Parks and Recreation. Hal stated it would affect more in the ASP, Summer Camp, Maintenance, and some office staff. It does look like we are going to be able to get the 9 employees we requested. We are hoping everything else goes through. The 2nd ready of the budget will be at the next County Council meeting.

B. Regional Park Community's Drops In's:

Hal: We had our drop in on May 3rd at Walnut Creek 1st. There were about 20 people in attendance. On Thursday May 5th we were at the Springdale Recreation where about 20-25 people in attendance. Natalie Bowers our Marketing Person has a survey on the LCPR Website and Facebook. While at both meetings the attendees were encouraged to fill it out. The last day to do the survey is going to be Friday, 13th.

C. Tour of the New Heath Springs Athletic Complex

Hal talked as we walked around. He pointed that all the landscaping will be completed in the Fall due to it starting to be summer. Playground is up and waiting on the mulch to fill in the base for safety. The shelter is a canopy top and picnic tables will be added. There will be benches through the area for sitting and handicap areas. The complex is complete with a concession stand and restrooms on the back side. Quinton Rodgers ask how many parking spaces would be there. Hal stated that there should be around 100 spaces. It still needs to be marked off. The park also has an additional storage building for mowers and other maintenance needs to the back of the fields. . In the far back corner Hal said they are wanting to possibly put gravel parking in the future when or if needed. David Aspesi ask if the park has cameras. Hal stated that the entire complex is under surveillance and will be monitored by Comporium. The entire field is lit and has solar lights that will come on at dusk so the walking track will be well lit for walkers at night. The entire parking area has the same lighting. All lights are LED.

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 40%. Ruff plumbing is in, roof is going up and once that is completed they will start with the inside part. We are still hoping for the building to be in August of 2022.
- **Heath Springs Complex**: It is about 85% complete. Information is New Business part C.
- We received great news County Council voted to keep the EMS Station at the Indian Land Recreation. They gave us the money that is required to update and landscape. It will have several batting cages, meeting room, kitchen and sitting area.

B. Staffing Issues Continues:

Hal: We are still hiring and have still have positions open. Some areas like the pool have all the lifeguards. But overall it is down county wide still. We still have openings in the Summer Camp programs and had a very hard time keeping officials for the sports. But hopefully with the 2nd reading of the pay raises coming that may attract more individuals to apply for the positions.

Advisory Board Comments:

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 6:55pm by David Aspesi.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Teresa Willis – Administrator Assistant