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LCPR Staff:

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

December 13, 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, Brent Stogner, Chris Amodeo

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Faulkenberry, Joe McGriff and Quinton Rodgers

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

Call to Order

Co - Chairman Brent Stogner called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda for December 2022 - Could not approve no quorum

There was no November Meeting Held – No Minutes

Approval of Minutes from August Meeting

Citizen Comments: None

New Business

A. PARD Grant:

We have been approved for the grant and are working on getting quotes on everything for the Harrisburg storage building and the signage for the Indian Land Recreation Center.

B. Staff Updates:

We are working on some openings. The athletic department has one opening and we are looking to fill the spot very soon. There is an ongoing situation with one athletic person. They are looking at some issues and getting a plan worked on. Will update at our next meeting with this situation. Our Maintenance Department going into the new year will be looking at three workers retiring. We have had a few applications and going through them. Chris Clouden has reached out to Charlotte Bridge Homes and shared job descriptions to try and recruit veterans.

C. All Stars – Volleyball and Fall Soccer:

Volleyball went to Seneca and Westminster, SC for their State Tournament. They played well and came in second place in both age groups. Represented Lancaster very well. Lancaster hosted the district for the soccer. We won in all ages and went on to travel to Rock Hill, SC for the State Tournament. All ages that traveled were runners up for the State Titles.

D. Recreation Activities:

The Senior Program in the Indian Land Recreation is going great. They are now offering pickle ball, basketball, walking, arts and crafts, aerobics, and Speed -U-Dance for the seniors in the area. Springdale is working on a few things to get them going. The staff is wanting to get Open Basketball going in both areas. They are working on getting times and days. Council on Aging met with LCPR staff to discuss opportunities to collaborate.

E. Regional Park Update:

Woolpert is presenting their presentation to the Council on 12/14. One option being presented is to have a 50,000 sq. ft. recreation center in place of the 15,000 sq. ft. one. To have the increase in the size would increase the cost by \$27 million. There is also an additional land to the back of the property that Lennar owns, and the county is looking at purchasing. One of the baseball fields will be a stadium field for USC-Lancaster. \$750,000 has been allocated to the field by the State.

F. Sponsorship and Naming Rights:

Chris and John are meeting with County Council on Wednesday 12/14 to present about the process of naming rights and sponsorships for our venues. They have researched other municipalities to prepare. They want to have sponsorship go for at a maximum of 5 years with a minimum of 2 years. The smaller fields would be considered for that. The cost and benefits are in discussion.

Old Business:

The Christmas Market went very well. Had around thirty-five vendors present, not counting the food trucks outside. Had some vendors ask if next year the times could be adjusted to make for a longer day of sales. Also, would like to see a Christmas Market up in the Indian Land Recreation.

Chris, after doing some research with lighting, found that our MUSCO Lighting system has some great amenities. Since 2006 the Walnut Creek has had a system in place but not utilized to have the lights cut on and off by phones. He has been working along with Mike to getting this setup for the phones. We have Harrisburg and Heath Springs on the same system. That will save money not having staff to go turn lights on and off.

Working with IT to have automated lock systems installed on the restrooms at Walnut Creek, Harrisburg and Heath Springs.

Budget meetings have started for the new fiscal year (2023-2024). January and February will be busy. Chris stated that they are looking to see what the top ten needs are for the Department.

The Springdale parking lot is under review for paving. Chris mentioned with the parking lot being in a flood plain that we will have to have a Flood Waste Study done. The cost for the study will be \$65,000.00. We are hoping with the study they find it to be a flood plain and not a flood way. Tim the new project manager will be over seeing this.

Advisory Board Comments:

None.

Interim Director Comments:

There are a lot of great opportunities for the Recreation Department. LCPR is working on new ideas. It is an adventure to say the least. We are reviewing candidates for the Deputy Director position, with one candidate being internal. Also, LCPR staff have been in training for Stop the Bleed, Driving Defense, CPR, Rec Desk.

County Deputy Administrator:

Dennis Marstall the County Administrator wants to have more of a plan structure for new employees. Training and Meetings need to be done. Also wants each department to have a person to be able to step-in when employees are out for some reason. Have a backup person is key to keep things running.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Teresa Willis
Administrative Assistant**