

**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

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**January 11, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**1228 Colonial Commons  
Lancaster, SC 29720**

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

**MINUTES**

Board Members Present: David Aspesi, Jonathan Faulkenberry, Chris Amodeo, Brent Stogner, Joe McGriff

Board Members Absent: Quinton Rodgers

Staff Members/Other present: Hal Hiott, Anna Jordan and Dennis Marstall

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of the Agenda for November**

Chris Amodeo moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brent Stogner. Motion Passed 5-0.

**Special Presentations:** None

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes from the November Advisory Board Meeting**

Chris Amodeo moved to approve the November minutes. Seconded By Brent Stogner and Joe McGriff

Motion Passed 5-0.

**New Business**

**A. Resignation of additional Athletic Division Director:**

Hal: Micky left before Christmas. Got a job with the Gold Mine taking a higher pay. This week we started interviews for the Athletic Division Director to fill the position.

## **B. New hires for Athletic Division :**

We hired one in December since we met and we have all Athletic programmers on board and all are doing well. Katherine is helping with training them and that has been a big help.

## **C. Athletic Division Update basketball and Spring Sports:**

Hal: Basketball is going on now. We are taking precautions limiting numbers in our gyms and we are implementing cleaning and sanitizing as well as asking citizens to wear masks.

Brent asked if we are charging gate, Hal responded that we are not still not charging gate at this time.

Davis asked if the situation with the school is still on going and Hal responded that they are still charging us to use their facilities a high price.

## **D. After School Update:**

Hal: After School program is doing really well. We still cannot find staff to work.

Hal asked Anna to speak on After School

Anna: After School is doing well all of our participant numbers are holding about the same. We are not seeing a lot of COVID cases with our participants thankfully, even with LCSD protocols. We have SDC ready to go and all supplies have been ordered. Our theme for this year is Around the World.

## **E. Park Division Update:**

Hal: Tomorrow we are having a big staff meeting for our full time staff to make sure we include everyone in on what is going on with and in our department. Our Park Division has really stepped up their game and is doing a great job. I can't say enough about the guys we have in the Parks Division Department.

## **F. New County COVID Guidelines for the Staff:**

Hal: Let Dennis speak on the new COVID guidelines.

Dennis: We have adjusted to CDC Guidelines. We have seen it help our departments out with staff not being out so long, especially with EMS and Police because so many people are not showing symptoms but testing positive.

## **G. 2022-2023 Budget Process:**

Hal: We are starting the budget process next week and the budget process is not as drawn out as it usually is. Our request are mostly already done because a lot of it is what we wanted to or requested last year and we did not get because of COVID, but we are adding new requests.

## **H. CLFRF Project Request:**

Hal said this is a COVID relief fund. Hal will go in front of a committee for the request to Pave SRC and Melvin Steele parking lots. This is a major project that will cost \$1 Million dollars.

Dennis: We received \$19 million dollars from COVID relief funds and the county will determine which departments and who gets the money. We have had nonprofits and internal departments request. We have to manage it well and we have 4 years to spend it.

### **I. Thread Trail Information at Walnut Creek:**

Hal had a meeting with Dena with Waxhaw Parks & Recreation about the extension bridge. The bridge has to be inspected each year. We split the cost with Waxhaw P&R. During inspection they found a few minor issues with the bridge and Waxhaw has agreed to pay for those issues. We will have to replace some planks and wires on the bridge and Waxhaw has let me know that they have put \$25,000 back for those repairs and we need to do the same. The trail is open although it has been wet. Lineberger goes once a month and takes care of maintenance of the trail such as overgrowth, washed out places, trash, and trees growing in the way of citizens getting down the trail. Any major things on the trail they report it and we fix it. They are really good about sending pictures of things that need our attention. Overall we have a great partnership with the company and they do not charge us a whole lot.

### **J. Equipment Purchases:**

Hal: We have purchased two mowers and have ordered two more. We have also ordered 2 UTVs for the new sites. We are trying to order the same mowers so our guys can use parts and they are learning to work on what we have.

### **K. Regional Park & Planning Update:**

Hal stated that we are still in the procurement phase and we have a panel that looked and scored the proposals that are due this Friday. We have narrowed it down to two that we like but will have to score all of the proposals. After that we will go through the protest period and then we will award and go forward from there.

Brent asked who was on the committee and Hal responded: Hal, Katherine, Buddy Faile, Brian Carnes, Dillon Hydrick and John McCain.

### **L. Election of VP for SCRPA:**

Hal: Katherine was elected for VP for SCRPA her term will start I believe in 2023/2024. She will do a good job and she is well respected though out SCRPA.

## **Old Business**

### **A. Movie in the Park:**

Hal we are going to try to make up the IL movies in the park depending on the weather.

### **B. Marketing/Public Relations Person update:**

Hal: We are interviewing for our Marketing position this week to help w/sponsorships for sports and social media. We did not get a lot of applications at first so we pushed back interviews and we now have several that have applied so we are moving forward. Dennis had a different vision that we adapted to.

Dennis: We wanted to build a bigger pool for this position and include EMS, Sherriff, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation. I want bigger and broader idea with a centralized communication system that we can share and use throughout the departments.

### **C. Bond Projects Update:**

Hal: I have been out on projects today. Things at Harrisburg is the furthest along the metal roof is being installed on the building and they are working on plumbing & fixtures. Sidewalks are down as well as the grave. The fields have stone on them and they are putting the pads down over the next two weeks.

David asked about the potential of the connection to the school parking lot. Hal answered that we can explore that at a later time that the school district was not willing to connect to their property at this time. David asked if Hal can come up and look at the connection to a housing development.

### **D. Playground update for Harrisburg Soccer Complex:**

Hal: The committee awarded the project to USA Playground.

David asked what all is included on the playground & what type of ground coverings would be on the playground and Hal responded engineer wood fiber is the ground covering.

### **Advisory Board Comments:**

Chris Amodeo stated that there is areas around the pond at Walnut Creek that needs cutting. Hal responded that Lotus does some and we do some. The bottom of the pond irrigates from the upper pond to use water for the irrigation system. We take care of one side of the sidewalk & pond and they take care of the other. Elstar told us they want it natural & fill in and we stopped where they told us. We have cleared it out in the spring and we try to work on it after fall. Chris also brought up about when you are walking in the park the muskrats are running out/in front of people. Hal stated they live in ponds and they are coming up in the drains. HOA wanted us to put out poison and we did not want that. The last thing Chris brought up was the lower drainage when pond get full it smells. Hal responded that it's a sediment pond.

Jonathon Faulkenberry asked if the pricing on playground equipment goes up after a certain date. Hal responded that once we get a price it stays the same.

Dave Aspesi stated Dan wanted him to ask if Dixie ever met with us. Hal said that they never brought it back to the table.

Chris asked when the IL Recreation center would be completed and Hal responded that it looks like fall of 2022 but that will depend on supplies.

### **Directors Comments:**

None

### **Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 7:09pm by David Aspesi.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Anna Jordan – Facility Coordinator Springdale Recreation**