

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: Mike Fulkerson



LCPR Staff:

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

November 8, 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: Jonathan Faulkenberry, Brent Stogner, Joe McGriff, Chris Amodeo, and David Aspesi

Board Members Absent: Quinton Rodgers, Mike Fulkerson and Chris Clouden

Call to Order: David Aspesi called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda for November 2023 – Joe McGriff made the motion to approve the agenda and a second was made by Brent Stogner.

Approval of Minutes from October 2023 Meeting: Brent Stogner made the motion to approve the Minutes and a second by Jonathan Faulkenberry.

New Employee Natalie Bowers introduced herself to the board and gave an oversight of the job she will be doing and some of the changes that will occur.

Deputy County Administrator Stephanie Snowden was in attendance. She introduced herself to the board and gave some information on her background and experience. She also talked with the board about the importance of the board and the communication she wants to have with them.

Citizen Comments: None

New Business –

- A. **Staff Update:** All positions are now full for the PAL's program. Jason explained that the staff structure would be changing once Chris returned. We are changing the Neo Gov all applications will have to go through this process. Chris Amodeo asks about going to jobs fairs for individuals. Jason said that we are getting involved in the community through those types of programs and health fairs as well. Jonathan Faulkenberry asks about how the soccer program teams were drawn. Jason explained that there was an evolution and those children that came to it were graded on their skills. Those that did not attend were put in the draw as a 3
- B. **Special Event: Christmas Market -** Jason went over the dates and times for the event and invited all of them to try to attend.
- C. **Employees Certified:** We have had 2 employees received their certifications in Playground Safety. Mike Barnes and Grant Hensley are CPSI's.
- D. **Maintenance & Operations:** Chris C. talked about having maintenance on the fields at Walnut Creek and repairing the stairs at the Melvin Steele at the parking lot at the doctor's office. The cutting season is winding down. Cliff is getting quotes to get scoreboards installed at Buford Facility and the windows getting updated at the concession stand at Springdale.
- E. **Special Event at Bank of America:** Jason told the board about the opportunity to send players from our flag football program and the cheerleading groups. They reached out to the teams that were ranked in their divisions. Coaches and Parents are very excited about having this opportunity.
- F. **Football Issues and Parking:** Talked about some issues that happened during a tackle football game at Springdale where the police were called and players and coaches were ejected. The game ended early. The officials and a coach came by the office the next day to explain their view of the situation. Jason assured the board that Cliff Henson and his staff addressed the problem and had plans for the next game between the two teams and future playing at Springdale. Stephanie Snowden asks if the staff could put a video out from LCPR Staff explaining the importance of the Parent and Coaches Code of Conduct. Jason told her that was something into which they had looked. We now have additional parking at the Heath Springs Complex with about 60 added spaces.
- G. **Thanksgiving Invite:** Jason invited all the Advisory Board members to the LCPR Thanksgiving gathering on November 21.

Old Business:

Jason stated that LCPR would not be doing SCRAP All-Stars this year due to the fact we were put on probation during last basketball season for an incident that was not related to any of the teams would took. SCRAP decided we would have to pay a fine or be on probation. We took the probation. Briefly discussed the Dixie Baseball program and the direction they are wanting to go and if we would have any issues with that.

Advisory Board Comments: Chris Amodeo asked about the man and the tennis court at Walnut Creek. Jason said we are taking care of that with our Maintenance department and will hopefully have it completed before the first of December. Jonathan Faulkenberry said that the medals that were given out was much better than years passed.

Director's Comments: N/A

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Teresa Willis
Administrative Assistant**