

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

September 12, 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: Brent Stogner, Joe McGriff, Chris Amodeo, Quinton Rodgers, Mike Fulkerson and David Aspesi

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Faulkenberry

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

Approval of the Agenda for September 2023 – Brent Stogner made the motion to approve the agenda and a second was made by Quinton Rodgers .

Approval of Minutes from September 2023 Meeting: Joe McGriff made the motion to approve the Minutes and a second by Brent Stogner.

Citizen Comments: None

New Business –

A. **Staff Update:** Still interviewing Facility Rental position. Anna Jordan resigned, and Christy Johnson is working between Indian Land and Lancaster. We kept 2 lifeguards on to be able to clean the pool and check chemicals. Swim Coach Heather offered her help as well. We felt that would be better since our maintenance department is already overloaded getting fields ready. Hired Brett Sistare for the last sports programmer's position. He was the intern from the Spring/Summer. Heidi and Heath were also hired as Sports Programmers. We are good with that area now.

B. **Summer Camp Year Ending Update:** Over all the summer camps were productive and ended well. We are looking at the ratio with kids next year. Had a

few counselors that were dismissed due to situations with children and co-workers. Jason is going through the processes that Supervisors need to follow in those type incidents. Chris Amodeo asks the age of the worker. Jason stated they were high school graduates fixing to go off to college. David Aspesi asks what type of training they are getting/receiving. Jason comments on they are getting training, but the process will be updated and more training will occur before the start of the summer camp next year.

C. **2023 Fall Sports updates:** Full swing with all the Fall sports. Saturday is opening day. The locations are Harrisburg Complex, Walnut Creek, Springdale, Melvin Steele and Heath Springs Complex. We have over 1800 kids registered and 239 teams. Teams are full and we have several kids on the waiting list. Taking them as needed to teams. We have a schedule for paying the officials this year. That frees up the sports programmers. Everyone is working very well together to get off the ground for the season.

D. **Regional Park:** The park is still being discussed at county meetings. There are a few still wanting the park to be built in phases, but the majority are ready to break ground to give the community what they have been asking for. Dave Aspesi asked if the land was included in pricing and Jason said that it was already done beforehand. Then Dave asks about the additional 15 acres to the back of the park. Chris Clouden said that they are thinking disc golf. Dave was opposed and asked if Chris and Jason could go back see about a zip-line or some type of outdoor camping area.

E. **Maintenance & Operations:** Cliff and his crew are working hard to keep the fields maintained for the upcoming fall season in addition to maintaining the parks.

Duke Energy have completed three sites and pool. The pool is now closed to the public. Lost a vehicle and trailer in an accident in the maintenance department. Was no fault of the employee. A person crossed the line. We are having to fix the truck because of the backlog in trying to get new trucks. The Indian land Annex, which was the previous EMS Station, will begin work to remodel it. We are hoping to be able to rent out, seniors use it and meeting area for the public.

Old Business:

County Council passed the ordinance and park rules. We are working now on getting new signages around the county in our parks and facilities.

Chris Amodeo asks about Senior sports. Chris said that we do have a softball league and that had around 8 teams this past season.

Naming rights have been approved. We are now able to work on Parks, buildings, fields.

After going over the property that LCPR owns and maintains has been low balled after reviewing we have 348 acres. All being maintained by 10 maintenance workers. Chris stated he would send it to all members.

Meeting with Duke Energy/Tyson Blanton in the Springs Park area. Ways to maintain the trash overflow, putting a trail to contact the two areas divided by wood line, and opening the beach area more.

Twelve Mile creek flooded had to get with the Storm Water here and the Waxhaw to see the troubled areas.

Had to talk with the Blue Ridge Trail on the trail maintenance they are doing. Which right now was not looking great.

Will be meeting with HOA of Walnut Creek @ Walnut Creek facility. Chris Amodeo asked was the board pushing back on this. Chris Clouden seemed they were not.

Meet with the Dream Team on LCPR taking over the foundation. We are excited about the possibility of merging with them, and great things could begin with this.

Quinton asked about Cheerleading what type of uniform was told that they would receive. Chris Clouden responded that only pom poms and shirts. Quinton stated that in the paperwork pants were to be provided. Jason said that was a mistake and will be corrected.

Advisory Board Comments: N//A

Director's Comments: We need to talk about changing a few dates for the next 3 months. We need to move October, November, and December. After talking with

everyone these dates were set. Octobers meeting will be Tuesday, 17th , Novembers will be Wednesday the 8th , and Decembers will be Tuesday, 5th

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Teresa Willis
Administrative Assistant**