



MINUTES

Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

November 14, 2019

5:30pm

KINSTON COMMUNITY CENTER (CONFERENCE ROOM)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Sawyer
Kelly Jarman
Dr. Gary Wojeski
Sue Ellen Maddux
Dr. James Sylvia

Merwyn Smith
Rosalyn Yarus
Ed Futrell
Steve Saint-Amand

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nicholas Harvey
Nathan Perry
Christopher Bradshaw

Sonya Berry
Felicia Solomon

The November, 2019 meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, Amanda Sawyer. A motion was made to approve the November, 2019 minutes.

Motion – Futrell; Second – Maddux; Vote – Unanimous.

Corey Povar updated the commission on the Joel Smith Memorial Disc Golf Course. He stated there had been concerns about disc golf course being too close to the Par 3 golf course. The Disc Golf Association members met, along with Parks & Recreation staff members and discussed the course being kept in the woods only. The group was fine with the course being kept in the wooded area behind the Par 3 golf course and this should eliminate any potential problems at the Par 3 course and the tennis court. Corey stated that he met with Elite Land Management, LLC about clearing out the rest of the wooded area behind the Par 3 Golf Course. It was recommended to wait until the first frost so the leaves would be off the trees so work should begin on this project soon. An honor box will be placed at the disc golf course for those wanting to donate funds to help with improvements to the new course. Hopefully, the course will be ready in February, 2020.

The commission voted for their upcoming officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) for the 2020 year. A motion was made to approve Amanda Sawyer as Chair and Sue Ellen Maddux as Vice-Chair. The new officers term will begin in January, 2020.

Motion – Jarman; Second – Saint-Amand; Vote – Unanimous.

Corey Povar requested the commission's approval to increase the athletic field rental fee from \$250/tournament to \$125/field/day (which will include lights and 1 field prep only). He is recommending a 20% non-refundable deposit to be made before any tournament can be scheduled and the balance must be paid at least one week (7 days) prior to the tournament date. The commission recommended changing the 20% deposit to a flat \$50/field/day deposit to make it easier to calculate. Sue Ellen Maddux questioned if there could be a site supervisor or a part-time staff member who could check on each tournament site in case of problems, questions, etc. Corey stated that at his old department they hired part-time staff members specifically to check on sites during tournaments and he would be glad to look into this for the department.

A motion was made to approve increasing the fees for athletic field rentals from \$250/tournament to \$125/field/day (including lights and one field prep only) **and to include a non-refundable \$50/field/day deposit** with the balance due 7 days prior to the tournament. The fees will be collected through the administrative office and no tournament will be allowed unless it is included in the department's computer reservation system.

Motion – Maddux; Second – Smith; Vote – Unanimous.

Corey Povar will distribute an updated fee schedule with the new field and tournament rental

rates to the commission at the January meeting.

Corey Povar informed the commission about a meeting he had at the Falling Creek Golf Course concerning the department helping with the Lenoir County Amateur Golf Championship. The Recreation Department will be the hub and take registrations and also advertise for this event. It will be an adults only tournament and the games will be rotated between Falling Creek and Country Club Golf Courses. Proceeds for this golf tournament will go towards the Lenoir County Special Olympics.

Corey Povar informed the commission that he is acquiring bids for painting the Lions Water Adventure water park to include fiberglass repair and painting all the slides. He feels it is time for a face lift and the park needs a refreshed look before the new season starts. This will be taken to City Council for their approval once the bids have come in.

Corey Povar updated the commission on the Swim Club Management Team's revenue status after the closing of the water park. The club made approximately \$171,000, which is to be split between the City of Kinston and the Swim Team Management Team.

Ed Futrell questioned the replacement of the scoreboard at Grainger Stadium and Corey Povar stated that he is in the process of getting additional bids from various vendors.

Kelly Jarman questioned whether the City Council has considered a replacement for a new City Council representative on the commission.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion – Futrell; Second – Smith; Vote – Unanimous.

Debra A. Wicker
Secretary to the Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission