

Recreation Advisory Board
MAY 16, 2013
5:30pm

Minutes

Members Present: Herman Little, David Kleinschuster, Johnnie Walton and Letitia Evans. Also present was Bobbi White.

Mr. Herman Little called the meeting to order.

A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes from April 2013 meeting were approved.

No comments from the public.

Old Business:

Bobbi White gave an update on the 2013-2014 budget. She stated the County cut the football field, dog park, and stadium property. Mrs. White stated there are still negotiations going on for the Senior Center bus and PAL football field. Bobbi White took a survey of each City and County park to determine which facilities would be suitable for a PAL football field. Mrs. White stated the survey was given to the City Manager.

Bobbi White gave an update to the board on the status of the Charles Creek Park renovation. She advised the Board that it had been discovered that the new shelter had not even been ordered and that the original PO had to be canceled to NC Playground Company. Ms. White stated that Icon Shelters had agreed to honor the original contractors bid and has worked with her to get this shelter ready.

New Business:

Bobbi White stated that the Homeowners Association at Old Oak contacted her about donating a piece of property to the City for a park. Letitia Evans expressed concern about vandalism coming from teens from a nearby apartment complex and that it would be an attractive nuisance. Bobbi stated they were asking for playground equipment, benches, and tables. The board asked Ms. White to attend a Homeowners Association meeting. Mr. Little suggested putting in a light to deter crime. Dr. Kleinschuster stated if they are going to give the property to the department then use it as collateral. Dr. Kleinschuster made a motion to accept this property from the Homeowners Association. Mr. Walton seconded. Approved.

Bobbi White advised the board on a dog biting incident that occurred at River Road Soccer Complex during an AYSO game where a spectator had a Rottweiler at the complex and a child was bitten, taken to Albemarle Hospital, and then later transferred to CHKD. Mr. Walton stated there should be no dogs at the athletic fields and that some people are afraid of dogs.

Mr. Walton asked if anyone had any business to add to the next meeting agenda. Dr. Kleinschuster stated he would like a report from the City and County representatives for the pulse of their

governments and the Recreation Department and the Recreation Advisory Board. Dr. Kleinschuster stated that the Recreation Advisory Board serves both the City and County and would like answers: How are we doing?

Any concerns?

Dr. Kleinschuster added it would be for quality control, and better understanding for those that the Board serves. Herman Little stated to have on the agenda the City and County Representative Report and have a line for adding to the agenda the next month. Dr. Kleinschuster stated he would like better communications between the Board and the City and County. Herman Little stated he liked the City Manager being at the meeting to give his opinions on things. Dr. Kleinschuster added the Board has the responsibility to be a cohesive group and responsible for regulations. He stated we need dialogue and to hear how their own government feels and how we as a board and a department can better serve.

Letitia Evans made motion to adjourn. Johnnie Walton seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi White