

Recreation Advisory Board
September 14, 2017
5:30pm

Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Sterritt, Buck Jolly, Eddie Spencer, Deborah Malenfant. Also present: Darris Sawyer, Superintendent of Recreation

Members Absent: Phillip Hornthal, Herman Little, and Johnnie Walton

Eddie Spencer welcomed and called the meeting to order.

Eddie Spencer invited Darris to introduce himself and tell the board a little about himself.

May 2017 minutes were approved.

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business-

Darris Sawyer updated the board on the status of the skate park. He advised the board that the Parks and Recreation Director, Dexter Harris, wants to have a community meeting in September for input on the design. No date has been set. Bids went out for the project and the company has been chosen for construction of the skate park.

Comments from the board were then heard.

Eddie Spencer commented on how much better Fun Junktion was looking and that he would like to see underbrush cleared. Mr. Spencer asked about the status of the walking trail repairs. Darris advised Mr. Spencer he would check in to that.

Buck Jolly talked about the naming of the splash pad at Enfield the Mayor Roger McLean Splash Pad.

Dr. Sterritt spoke about how the ceremony was nice for the opening of the splash pad and that it was a great thing. He then added that he read in the paper about the naming of the splash pad after Mayor McLean and that it gave the day and time it was going to happen. He showed at that day and no one was there. Recreation staff at Enfield advised him that the ceremony was not happening that day. He then saw in the Daily Advance that the ceremony had happened. His complaint was that it was an Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Recreation park and he felt that he would have been notified when it was going to be and when it was going to be rescheduled. County Commissioners should get same respect since the County pays 55% of the recreation budget.

Dr. Sterritt then added that his wife comes out to the recreation center on a regular basis to walk on the treadmill and she says that the workers are so nice and helpful and that good things are happening here. Darris Sawyer added they could be better.

Eddie Spencer asked about the nature trail behind the COA campus. Dr. Sterritt filled the board in that the County has submitted a CAMA grant that is 90/10. Fundraising was done and contributions were given ranging from \$5000 to \$25000.

Debbie Malenfant gave a shout out to Parks and Recreation for partnering with Carol Terryberry and River City Sailing Group for doing her sailing camp out of Coast Guard Park. It brought sailing with the kids into the downtown area for about two weeks. She heard many good comments about the sailboats on the water. She added that her (Carol's) partnership with Parks and Recreation is growing and that Parks and Rec staff member Norris Raby was going to head that up when it opens back up next year. A Parks and Recreation staff member will be housed at Coast Guard Park and Debbie added she felt that was good utilization for that building. Buck asked about the designs on the building and Debbie responded that is still in the works.

Buck Jolly asked about the Knobbs Creek Nature Trail and Holmes field. Darris responded that maintenance is performed on a daily basis on our athletic fields.

Buck Jolly then asked about the activity at Fun Junktion. Darris said there are people attending lately but no special occurrences. Eddie Spencer said when he rides through there are many people there and that the zip line is a hot item. Eddie then added that outdoor carpet gets very hot out there and that he noticed that water puddles bad in some places out there.

Dr. Sterritt moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Deborah seconded. Meeting adjourned.
Next meeting will be held Thursday, October 12th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Williams, Administrative Assistant on behalf of Dexter Harris