



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 6pm

Conference Room – Main Floor Admin Building
130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville GA, 30523

Roll Call

- ☐ Joe Elam
- ☒ Peggy Fortson
- ☒ Cassie Head
- ☒ Angela Haughton
- ☒ Keith Deyton
- ☐ Shelley Tullis

Also in attendance via phone: Director, Brooke Whitmire

Old Business/Minutes

1. Old Business

a. Updates on revision Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws

A revised version of by-laws was presented to the group for discussion. The main question would be if the board wants to continue with a 7th board member position like there was in the past with a 7th member being a representative from Farm Bureau/Cattleman's Association. The original by-laws only had 5 members with one at-large appointment being the 6th, plus the FB/Cattleman's being the 7th. There was discussion around how the 7th member would be formed. The group feels that there may should be a representation from something like the Board of Education/Schools/PE Teach/Coach, etc. or maybe representation from someone representing youth athletics, someone who has a child active in the athletic programs.

Motion to approve – Keith, Second – Cassie to move forward with the revised by-laws as written and seek a 7th position to be represented by someone from the school system who is affiliated with the athletic program

b. Updates on gate by soccer fields

Have met with the person who would be able to install one but have not received an estimate yet. There have been other discussions about the need matching the hundreds to thousands of dollars being spent potentially to put in a gate. It is possible that more signage and visible coverage would also get the job done, making it easier for HCPR staff and HCSO to enforce.

Will the table be updated at the next meeting.

c. Updates on ADA accessibility

The golf cart borrowed from the sheriff's office worked well for the tournaments last week at Diamond Memorial. Staff will make efforts in the Fall to test out making use of Aquatic Fields to alleviate so much traffic at Diamond Memorial.

d. Updates on playgrounds

Waiting for the budget to be finalized to know if/when the project can begin.

2. Approval of May 2024 Minutes

Motion – Cassie, Second – Peggy – Approved 4-0

New Business/Current Events

1. Written Report – Director, Brooke Whitmire

2. Updates from BOC Meeting – Angela Haughton

Good reports from the meeting last night. We're hopeful that the BOC will listen to what we support and the needs of the department.

3. 2024 Remaining Meeting Dates – all held at Habersham County Administrative building beginning at 6:00p

a. ~~February 20th~~

b. ~~March 19th~~

c. ~~April 16th~~

d. ~~May 21st~~

e. June 18th

f. July 16th

g. August 20th

h. September 17th

i. October 15th

j. November 19th

k. December 17th

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Upcoming Events

1. June 17th – 21st – Creative Arts Camp Rental
2. June 22nd – Youth Swim Meet
3. June 21st – 23rd – private wedding event
4. June 24th – 26th – MAJ Hoops Basketball Camp
5. June 28th & 29th – GRPA District 7 Class "B/C" Swim Meet
6. June 29th – private birthday party event
7. July 8th & 9th – Volleyball Camp Rental
8. July 13th & 14th – NE GA Car Swap Meet
9. July 15th – 19th – Soccer Clinic Rental
10. July 15th – 18th – Volleyball Camp Rental
11. July 22nd – 25th – Volleyball Camp Rental

Adjourn

Motion by Keith Deyton

Seconded by Peggy Fortson

Time: 7:39p