



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall - City Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Garrett Taylor, Chair-Elect
- Audrey G. Nealy
- Tyler Clark
- Robert Jones
- Donald Williams
- Deb Jordan
- Kandie Smith, City Council Liaison
- Darin White
- Jaimie Yahnker

STAFF

- Gary Fenton
- Shana Kriewall
- Dean Foy
- Kathleen Shank
- Laura J. Davenport
- Lamarco Morrison

OTHER

- Council Member Marion Blackburn

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were addressed:
Agenda items are in bold print and the highlights of the discussion and actions are below the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the April 8, 2015 agenda as presented.
Motion: Audrey G. Nealy
Second: Donald Williams
Motion carried unanimously among those present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to table the March 11, 2015 minutes until the May Commission meeting.
Motion: Donald Williams
Second: Darin White
Motion carried unanimously among those present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- A. Mr. JC Woodley, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Commission presented a resolution to the Commission regarding installing “no idling” signs in City parking facilities thereby encouraging citizens to turn off motor vehicles and improve air quality. Mr. Woodley asked that this item be placed on the May agenda for a letter of support from the Commission.
- B. Announced the 5th Annual Neighborhood Symposium at City Hall on 5/2/2015 from 8:15AM – 2:00PM.

VI. DIRECTOR’S MONTHLY REPORT, Gary Fenton

- A. This weekend is going to be a busy weekend with the following events:
 - Opening Ceremonies for Greenville Little Leagues 2015 Season, Friday night at Elm Street Park; with a game to follow and more games on Saturday.

- Opening Ceremonies for the Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL) on Saturday at the Sara Vaughn Field of Dreams.
 - 1,100 youngsters and their families will be at the Bradford Creek Soccer Complex on Saturday.
 - PirateFest is Friday night and all day Saturday at Uptown Greenville.
- B. PirateFest is officially sponsored by Uptown Greenville, the GRPD prepares and provides a major venue at the Town Common, and in addition our maintenance staff, about 20 part-time recreation staff and four (4) full-time staff will help provide a series of children's activities within the park.
- C. Tomorrow at 9:30am staff will host a "Media Day" at the FootGolf Course at the Bradford Creek Public Golf Course. Numerous sports personalities from various local media will compete in the game of FootGolf.
- D. In May, the Humane Society will be hosting a FootGolf tournament at Bradford Creek and is expecting 18 foursomes. Both of these events will bring exposure to the facility.
- E. Tomorrow night at the City Council meeting the 12 and under Greenville All-Star basketball team from our league will be recognized for winning the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Tournament.
- F. A group of friends of the late Veteran Richard Cherry who passed away recently has proposed naming the fishing pier at the Town Common in his honor. Their nomination included a petition with over 300 signatures supporting the proposal. Facility naming requires a public hearing both at Commission and then City Council, so we'll advertise and have a public meeting at our May meeting, and then we'll take the recommendation to City Council the following month.
- G. Macon Moye, the original proposer of the First Tee initiative at Bradford Creek, recently met with the Pitt County Schools (PCS) Superintendent Ethan Lenker and Athletic Director Ron Butler to discuss PCS participation in the First Tee School day program. Dr. Lenker was interested in providing a couple of schools as a starting point for this program.

The application from the Carol S. Petrea Foundation Board requesting the addition of Pitt County into the current First Tee of Eastern North Carolina service area has been submitted to the National First Tee Office. It is expected the request will be approved by the end of April. Once the approval is granted the team can begin putting into action the organizational plan produced at the December meeting.

Course Pro Mike Cato continues to host the second *Starting New At Golf* (SNAG) program, which utilizes the First Tee curriculum. The current program involves 34 youngsters from area churches, the South Greenville Recreation Center, and the Third Street Community Center. Mr. Cato is again assisted by a significant group of volunteers, including the entire ECU men's golf team.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent
1. Recreation Update
 - a. Greenville Little Leagues Opening Ceremonies Friday night.
 - b. PirateFest Friday night and Saturday.
 - c. Senior Games Opening Ceremonies this week, can share schedule if interested.
 - d. Special Olympics Spring Games are next Friday on 4/17 at 9:15 AM at JH Rose High School Track. Let Laura Davenport know if you plan to attend.

- e. Community Meeting on 4/30 at Jaycee Park regarding the Repurposing of the Hockey Rink.
 - f. Relay for Life will be held at Boyd Lee Park on 5/15.
2. Kathleen Shank, Recreation Manager, Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center:
Ms. Shank presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding membership statistics for and programs offered at the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center.
- B. Dean Foy, Interim Parks Superintendent/Parks Coordinator
- 1. Golf/Parks Update
 - a. SNAG Golf (First Tee Pilot program)
SNAG Golf began on 3/25 with 32 children participating. Believe Bradford Creek will achieve First Tee status by the end of April.

Discussion ensued with City Councilmember Kandie Smith. Councilmember Smith would like to see what has been completed with the marketing plan recommendations by John Lee, and Bradford Creek Golf Course budget numbers, at the May meeting.
 - 2. Parks Update
 - a. Parks ADA Assessment (Preliminary Draft)
Expecting the final draft any day. Building assessment was completed in 2012. The price range for recommendations was \$750,000 - \$1.2 million. Staff has a plan and funding with the Facility Improvement Plan (FIP) for addressing recommendations.

RL Mace Universal Design completed surveys in 19 parks including ADA wheelchair accessibility. Public areas and site buildings at parks, recreational elements, parking and routes of travel were evaluated. The final report will be broken down by park.

Parking is a major issue as well as routes of travel. Recommendations for non-standard routes of travel from River Park North and Bradford Creek Soccer Complex. Playgrounds, ball fields, spectator seating, public restrooms and water fountain controls. Final report will have strategies, cost and priorities. Will begin on it now.

Renovation of pedalboat dock to make ADA compliant. South Greenville Recreation Center will become ADA compliant. Future projects will be included in the Facility Improvement Plan.
 - b. Jaycee's Fourth of July Event
The Fourth of July event will be held on Friday, 7/3 due higher fireworks pricing on Saturday 7/4 (\$6,000 vs. \$10,000). Hastings Ford again sponsoring the fireworks. Hope to attract more patrons since it's on a different date.
3. Capital Project Update, Lamarco Morrison
 - a. South Greenville Recreation Center Park Renovation
Public meeting was held on 3/30 at South Greenville to provide a master plan update. From previous public meeting input, a walking trail will be integrated in the wooded area, upgrades to the baseball/softball field, reorganized gym schematics. Working on Memorandum of Agreement with Pitt County Schools regarding construction and operations. Will have

potential construction documents by mid-July. The center will be closed 8-10 months during construction.

- b. STEAM Lab at Eppes Recreation Center
Jack and Jill grant paid for computers and most supplies. 80-90% of the painting is complete. A word cloud will be placed on the accent wall with STEAM related words. Chairs have been donated. Tables and computers have been ordered. Looking at late summer for completion.
- c. Tar River Legacy Plan
The Tar River Legacy Plan was selected to receive the acclaimed Merit Award from the Potomac Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). There were 27 projects submitted for consideration and seven were selected as award recipients. The Tar River Legacy Plan was the only project selected in the Analysis and Planning category.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Nomination Committee for Recreation and Parks Commission
Commissioners Darin White, Robert Jones and Donald Williams volunteered to serve on the Nomination Committee.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Disc Golf Proposal
The Tar River Park (temporary name) Master Plan public meeting was held on 3/26 at Jaycee Park. This park is considered a neighborhood park (5-16 acres). The existing amenities include a trail head/trail access, FROGGS garden area, Off Leash Dog Area, informal open space and picnic tables and benches. Tar River Legacy Plan recommends an overlook, kayak landing and picnic shelter for this area. The project goals include citizen recommendations, address concerns and issues, develop program elements, gain public investment, and plan the park in a comprehensive manner. Citizens attending the public meeting did not want a skate park, but were supporting of a Disc golf course. Program elements would include a Disc golf course, shelter, river overlook, kayak landing and open space.

Will develop schematic plan within the next 60 days. Another Public Input meeting will then be held to discuss plans. Future parking needs continue to be a concern.

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Don Williams – Discouraged with disc golf on the greenway, may vote against it. Also mentioned the Fun Park on Hwy 264 is for sale.
- B. Audrey Nealy – Thanked Mrs. Shank for her programming/membership options and also thanked Jack & Jill for their grant.
- C. Darin White – Glad addressing the ADA issues, great meeting.
- D. Jaimie Yahnker – STAR is taking applications for individuals to go to the beach on 5/15-16.
- E. Garrett Taylor – Thanks to staff and giving opportunities to serve and help in the community, salute to Commissioner Yahnker for his work on the beach trip.
- F. Robert Jones – Thanked staff for road improvements at Thomas Foreman Park.
- G. Councilmember Kandie Smith – Thanked staff for their hard work and considered the Commission as valuable.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM.

Motion: Darin White

Second: Jaimie Yahnker

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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