

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
AUGUST 26, 2013**

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Kris Kirwan and Cathy MacArthur.

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: David Cleveland called the August 26, 2013 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Cathy MacArthur made the motion to approve the July 22, 2013 Regular Session minutes as presented. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes to the agenda.

Council Actions: David Cleveland shared that Council approved the quote from Lucas Landscaping for playground mulch at Founders Park - \$1,300. Due to the heavy rain on Wednesday, some of the mulch has washed out of the playground area and will need to be moved back into the area.

Budget Report: David Cleveland discussed the Budget Report. We have committed funds in the following areas: Pool Operations – repairs and misc - \$475; Park Maintenance – volleyball court sand - \$950; Park Maintenance – tree removal & stump grinding - \$550; and Pond Maintenance – sod at Veterans Pond - \$2,880.

Ponds: David Cleveland shared that Aquatic Resources removed the aerator from Connie's Pond and ran it for 120 hours without incident. There is nothing wrong with the aerator or the line that is on the aerator. It has to be the electronics at the power source. It is either the timer, the shut off box or possibly spiking power. To reinstall the aerator is \$276 or Aquatic Resources can return the aerator to Lake Park uninstalled and we can decide what we want to do with it. If Aquatic Resources just returns the aerator to us the diagnostic cost is \$223.00. The decision was made to have Aquatic Resources reinstall the aerator.

David Cleveland provided a modified outline for us to work from for the dredging of Russell Park pond since we have decided to have the disturbed area planted with Bermuda sod. The desired project completion date is mid-April. Cheri Clark and David Cleveland met with three potential contractors and Kris Kirwan and David Cleveland met with another contractor and the fifth potential contractor is very familiar with the pond. Cheri Clark has reached out to NC DENR and to Union County to see if any permitting is required.

Vandalism: The Lake Charles fishing pier roof has been vandalized. David Cleveland thanked Patty Dunn and Sean Lowther for the pictures of the vandalism. John Laurents shingled the roof last year and to repair the vandalism it will cost \$105. The vandalism should be addressed in the next week.

Pool: Parks and Rec has received a quote from Swim Specialties to repair the coping in the corners of the large pool - \$400.

The pool management contract is expires in September and Parks and Rec would like to extend the current contract for another 3 years. David Cleveland made the motion to extend the current contract 3 additional years. Cathy McArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Events: Concerns have been raised about the HOA hosting the Fall Festival in Russell Park. The HOA is requesting no on-street parking on Creft Circle around Russell Park from Lake Park Road to Lake Park Road from noon on Friday until Saturday at 6 p.m. and the closure of Lake Park Road between Creft and Creft. Concerns were raised as to who would enforce the no parking and security for the event. The HOA has also requested a map of the power available in Russell Park. Power for Russell Park is available in three locations. The main breaker box is behind the basketball court. There are three 15/20 amp duplex outlets at this location. There is one duplex outlet on the street light closest to the playground. This is an unprotected outlet (no circuit breaker) and should not be used for more than a 10 amp load. The DJ used this outlet for the Fourth of July celebration. There is one other 15 amp duplex outlet at the west end of the park by the sidewalk leading to Alden Street. Parks and Rec will recommend to Council that due to safety concerns there be no on-street parking along Creft Circle except during vendor set-up, all available spaces in the Community Center lot be handicap only and the HOA have off-duty officers to help direct local traffic around Russell Park and to enforce their no parking request.

The Shredding Event will be discussed next month and a date established. The Chili Cook-off is November 2nd at the Community Center.

Thanksgiving is late this year and the first Sunday in December is during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The Garden Club home tour is moving their event one week due to concerns over hosting the event Thanksgiving weekend, attendance and volunteers. Park and Rec will recommend to Council that we move our Christmas tree lighting event to December 8th.

Landscaping: David Cleveland stated that Lucas Landscaping has provided us with a quote for Bermuda sod to be installed on Mother Teresa between Conifer and Creft - \$1,300. David Cleveland will be riding with Lucas Landscaping on Friday and he would like to request up to \$2,500 for sod in various areas throughout the Village. David Cleveland made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 for sod in various areas throughout the Village. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Since the tree pruning cannot be done until after the leaves fall, Parks and Rec decided to table the discussion until next month.

Community Center: It is time for the portable sound system to be evaluated in order to keep the system in good repair for future use. Kris Kirwan will go over the system and provide information to Parks and Rec next month.

The Village is evaluating our current cleaning service to determine if we need to make a change. We are scheduled to have the carpet cleaned and the floors striped and waxed in September - \$425.

The swallow houses' Eagle Scout project has received final approval and locations for the houses will be confirmed in the next two weeks.

Adjourn: Cathy MacArthur made the motion to adjourn. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion.
Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Clerk