

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Fabian Szarko, Ashley Dance, Wayne Daniels and Kris Kirwan.

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: Mayor David Cleveland called the February 23, 2015 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Fabian Szarko made the motion to approve the January 26, 2015 Regular Session minutes as presented. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve the February 7, 2015 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Ashley Dance made a motion to add 8.c. Founder's Park Gazebo, 10.d. EDC and delete 7.b. Floors and Carpet Cleaning. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Budget Report: Mayor David Cleveland shared that there was little fiscal activity in January and P&R had no questions concerning any activity.

Ponds: David Cleveland met with Foster Lakes and Ponds concerning the ponds in the Village. Foster Lakes and Ponds has prepared a quote for P&R review for the maintenance of the ponds for a year. The service year includes 18 trips to the ponds, with once a month visitation from April to September. The quote from Foster Lakes and Ponds is \$18,420. The VOLP spent less than \$9,000 with Aquatic Resources last year. Southern Ponds and Lucas Landscaping have also expressed an interest in maintaining the VOLP ponds. Mayor David Cleveland will reach out to both companies for service quotes.

Barley straw has worked well in the Union County pond. Mayor David Cleveland called and talked to Union County to determine how they installed the Barley straw in the Fred Kirby pond. Union County hooks bales together, places the bales at the inlet and anchors the bales with cinder blocks just below the water surface. Union County installed the bales in the spring. As the bales get heavy, they will settle. P&R is looking at Russell Park, Garden Pond and Sages Pond for test ponds. We would need to purchase 21 bales at \$3.50 a bale. P&R decided to purchase the bales.

Community Center: Mayor David Cleveland shared that security cameras will be installed at the Community Center on Friday, February 27th.

Landscaping: Mayor David Cleveland shared that the Alden Pond outlet needs attention. Union Power came through and removed shrubs and trees in the utility easement however the scrub trees and brush at the pond outlet needs to also be removed. Lucas Landscaping provided a quote of \$600 to remove the two groups of trees. Lucas Landscaping needs to relocate the new shrubbery they planted from behind the bench to the center headwall between the bench and Lincoln Court. P&R decided to table the improvements until May/June.

Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote to remove the Abelia at Hoover Park - \$400. P&R decided to table this improvement until May/June since the improvement was not budgeted for 2014 – 2015.

Russell Park Playground needs new mulch. Lucas Landscaping provided a quote for \$1,200 to add new mulch to the playground. The lack of mulch is a safety issue. Ashley Dance made a motion to replenish the mulch. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Founders Park needs new swings and the shrubbery at the crosswalk is creating a blind spot for children and drivers. Due to safety concerns, P&R approved the removal of the bushes.

P&R received three quotes for the Front Entrance Renovation project. Mayor David Cleveland requested that P&R review each one of the bids, develop a list of questions for each and to be prepared to discuss the quotes at the March meeting.

P&R has requested that John Laurents requote the Founders Park Gazebo repairs since it has been more than six months since the project was quoted. Mayor David Cleveland is meeting with Southend Painting to look at both the Founders Park Gazebo and the Castle on Faith Church Road.

Pool: Carolina Pool is offering defibrillators for pools - \$1600. Cheri Clark spoke with the North Carolina League of Municipalities General Liability Division concerning the Village's liability if we have a defibrillator onsite. The Village's liability would fall under the maintenance of the equipment not the use of the equipment. Mayor David Cleveland will include a defibrillator in the 2015 -2016 budget discussion.

The clock tower fountains had a hose bib to break-off and water was all over the place. Lucas Landscaping came and turned off the main water supply to the hose bib.

Events: Memorial Day – Ashley Dance shared that the VFW and the Piedmont High School Junior ROTC are scheduled. Ashley Dance has reached out to several speakers for the event. Wayne Daniels has ordered two 10'x10' tents for P&R and they should arrive in the next week.

Pastor Brad Cauley has approached the Village about hosting an eight week faith based program called Creation Health. P&R tabled until the March P&R meeting.

Girls on the Run would like to donate either a bench or table to the Village. Mayor David Cleveland will bring a couple of suggestions to the March P&R meeting.

The VOLP will be hosting a food drive in conjunction with Common Heart on the Fourth of July. Common Heart will supply the collection bins.

The EDC has requested approval to host musical entertainment and 2 or 3 food trucks between 11am to 2pm at the Gazebo during the Spring Yard sale. P&R approved the request as long as port a johns are available and the food trucks open on the sidewalk not into the streets.

P&R Commission Openings: Mayor David Cleveland present Kris Kirwan with a certificate of appreciation for serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mayor David Cleveland read Wil Ortiz email into the minutes.

WIL ORTIZ

Manager of Vegetation Management at Union Power Cooperative
Program developer and manager of program since 2005. In Utility Arboriculture for 20 yrs.
Forestry and Natural Resources Background.

Wife Debby (After School teacher and Graphic Designer), son Alex (attends The Citadel, commissioned with Air Force), daughter Rebecca (attends Charleston Southern University, nursing program)

Since moving to North Carolina from Illinois (1 hr. south of Chicago), in 2005, we have come to love the state.

Enjoy all things outdoors: hike in the NC mountains every year (preferred hiking location is Grandfather Mtn.), canoeing, bicycling, archery, planting trees and all manner of vegetation, and problem-solving.

Have truly enjoyed living in Lake Park and my wife and I look forward, now that we own in Lake Park, to "transforming" our place. We inherited the worst-looking fence in the Village (literally falling apart) but planning to rectify that soon. First step was removing all the inappropriate/wrong trees and planting good ones. Trees removed: Sweetgums, Bradford pear, Ips beetle infested pines, and the dreaded Pampas grass. Have planted native and more resilient plants as replacements.

Ashley Dance made a motion to recommend Wil Ortiz to Council to fill the empty Park and Recreation Commission seat. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote - Unanimous.

Adjourn: Fabian Szarko made the motion to adjourn. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion.
Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Village Administrator