

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
May 26, 2020

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Wil Ortiz, Julian Mercer, and Jeremy Russell.

Events Coordinator: Angie Figiel

Village Administrator: Cheri Clark

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting was conducted in compliance with Governor Roy Cooper's directives regarding group meetings and social distancing as is necessary due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic. The meeting was conducted on a zoom format which, in addition to the regular meeting notice previously posted, was posted on all social media accounts of the Village. The Mayor and one staff member were present in the Council Chambers and the public was allowed entry to attend and view the meeting subject to compliance with the orders from our Governor. All votes on motions were taken by having each council member state their name and then orally state their position on the motion- i.e., for or against.

Call to Order: David Cleveland called the May 26th, 2020 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Wil Ortiz made the motion to approve the April 27, 2020 P&R minutes as presented. Julian Mercer seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Jeremy Russell made the motion to approve the May 26th, 2020 Agenda as presented. Wil Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Council Actions: March & April

- a. Approved Pressure Washing - \$1075
- b. Approved Lake Park Flags - \$1665.30
- c. Approved Lights for Russell Park Fountain - \$1500

Open Commissioner Seat: There is a current open seat for the P&R Commission. Joe McCauley, the owner of Lake Park Caffe. He has lived in Union county for the past 13 years. He is very involved in sports and business. Currently serves on multiple boards both for Profit and Non-Profit for sports and business. He would like to help in any capacity he can for the community. Donald Martens prior military, Navy for 12 years, moved here to be near Mother in Law purchased a home in March of 2019. Donnie currently serves on the HOA board and is interested in growing to become part of Lake Park Town Council. Outdoors man from Louisiana. Married, 5 kids. His back ground was in the general manager of Hospitality in Compass Food Group but currently furloughed because of COVID. Joe McCauley also is married with 5 kids. The Commissioners will hear from each and vote at the June meeting.

Budget Report: Summary of budget presented.

Events: COVID 19 has cancelled many of our Town events. Some programs are postponed if possible, however, any event that allows more than 10 people to gather in one area is restricted.

Memorial Day – Captain Garrett Garland was our Speaker. The Ceremony was posted on The Village of Lake Park Facebook page for the community to enjoy. We had an abbreviated service and it ran about 30 minutes. In addition to Captain Garland, soloist Marty Vanderlip, and the VFW from Post 2423 for the Honor Guard also participated. Commissioners would like to make a donation to Purple Heart Homes as a Thank You to Captain Garrett for his participation in our program. Wil Ortiz made a motion to make a donation of \$300 to the Purple Heart Homes. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote-unanimous.

July 4th - planning to host an ice cream social later in the afternoon or early evening for the Community to come out and enjoy at Mathisen Square. Event will depend on Governors instructions for gatherings due to COVID 19. The plan is to have the community enjoy a scoop of ice cream from Lake Park Caffe from 5pm – 9pm. Angie will try to find live music or play a patriotic play list from our speaker at the Gazebo in Mathisen Square. All P&R Commissioners and Town Council Members will be invited to participate and mingle with the crowd. We will follow COVID19 guidelines at the time of the event.

Soccer Shots – requesting use of the Founders Park field for the following dates: Wednesdays, June 17th – August 5th 4:45pm to 6pm. Thursdays, June 18th – August 6th from 9:30am to 10:45am. Fridays, September 18th – December 11th from 4:00 – 5:15pm Parents and campers must follow the social distancing guidelines while on the field for the current COVID19 Phase. Angie will remind the parents that the Playground at Founders Park is currently closed. Wil Ortiz made a motion to approve Soccer Shots to use Founders Field for the summer and fall programs with the condition COVID19 guidelines are followed. Jeremy Russell seconded. Vote- unanimous.

OneBlood mobile would like to have a blood drive in Lake Park on June 13th. The mobile bus will park in front of the Community Center. Their staff will assist the participants with social distancing for health history, wait lines, and donors. They are providing COVID19 Antibody test, a T-shirt, and free Wellness checkup. All appointments will be made through One Blood. Jeremy Russell made a motion to approve OneBlood to have a Mobile Blood Drive in Lake Park on June 13th. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote- unanimous

Possibly create an event to recognize High School Graduates from Lake Park. Target date is June 11th. This event is to be determined.

Pools: CPM and the Union County Health department published “Interim Guidance for Public Pools and Spas. Under the Guidance our pool will have a Max Capacity of 114 people on deck including staff members. The guidelines will break down how many participants in each pool. Patrons must also social distance from the Lifeguards on deck. It is recommended that when patrons are entering and leaving the pool deck they wear a mask.

CPM has suggested to allow the tables and umbrellas on the deck for some shade, and have patrons bring their own wipes to clean the tables. It is also suggested that we do not put out loungers and chairs due to the sanitation restrictions. Patrons can bring their own chairs at each visit. CPM does not have the staff needed to clean each lounge after each use. CPM is committed to clean touch points of the deck throughout the day. The water fountain is a high touch area. Commissioners all agreed to not put out pool furniture and allow patrons to bring their own chairs and not put out the water fountain.

Summer Camps usually have 35 to 55 kids per camp in addition to counselors. Due to the Max Capacity of each pool and the deck it was recommended by Cheri that we not allow summer camps to come this year. It will be impossible to have anyone from the community be allowed in the pool if a summer camp was here. Commissioners agreed to not allow summer camps until further notice.

The membership fees did not increase and walkups are still allowed. Pool hours will remain the same as Monday thru Saturday 10am to 8pm and Sunday 12:00 to 6pm. All Pool patrons will have to adhere to deck capacity and social distancing on the pool. It is impossible to make reservations or post when pool deck is at capacity. The deck will be first come first serve and hope that everyone is understanding of these limits due to the COVID19 restrictions. The pool will open June 1st.

Pool Lights – Making progress slowly. The poles and lights are here and the footers are being dug. They have hit rock and will need the County inspector and the architect to revisit before pouring concrete. The electrician has been on site and completed his work to move forward.

Facilities: Community Center attic vents and roof repairs are complete. The wall repairs from the water leak have been repaired and repainted. The ceiling has been repainted from the leak of the cupola. Eddie Murphy repaired the cupola leak.

Lake. Charles Pier repairs are complete. Jeremy is attempting to find a way to make the new lights to stay attached to the building. Some tree limbs have been trimmed and that has helped some.

All pressure washing has been completed. The following were cleaned; all playground equipment, 3 sidewalk areas, and the Lake Charles Pier.

Rentals – based on Phase 2 of the COVID19 guidelines from Governor Cooper our facility cannot meet the requirements for rentals. The current guidelines state no more than 10 people in a group inside at one time. The Commissioners have suspended rentals until further notice.

Landscaping: Cul-de-sac renovations are completed. 5 total cul-de-sacs received hardwood mulch and monkey grass.

Completed - Bobbie Lane bench has broken leg. These are the Charleston Battery benches. David contacted the company to inquire how much a replacement leg would cost and how much a new bench would cost. The replacement leg will cost \$175 to replace, and a new bench is \$440. The bench slats are weather worn and would need to be replaced. Jeremy Russell made a motion to spend up to \$500 to purchase a new bench and install at Bobbie Pond. Wil Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote-unanimous

Completed - A common area near Versailles pond has some undergrowth and vine growing at the base of a tree. Lucas provided a quote to remove the undergrowth and put down pine straw for the tree in the amount of \$269.50. Wil made the motion to approve the quote for Lucas to complete the work. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote-unanimous

Completed - The common area on Alden Street, to the right of Conifer is to be maintained by Lucas per our Landscaping contract. This area has been neglected and will need to be maintained in the future. It needs mulch right away. Lucas provided a quote of \$550 to add premium mulch to the area. Wil made a motion to spend \$550 for premium mulch to be added to the common area. Jeremy Russell seconded. Vote-unanimous

Tree & Stump Removal – quote from Kiker to remove 2 large dead Oak trees in Russell Park. A small River birch on Mimosa and a River birch at Founders Park and a couple of maple trees by Lake Charles Pier. The quote for \$750 does not include the maples. Wil Ortiz made a motion to approve up to \$950 for tree removal. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote – unanimous.

A small tree at Bobbie Lane that has broken at the base on the bank. David will ask Lucas to cut flush and remove. No need to have stump ground.

Mulch at Veterans Pond – needs to be replenished due to erosion. There are funds left in the general mulch budget to cover the expense for this area. Wil Ortiz made a motion to purchase 25 yards at \$50 per yard, of hardwood mulch Veterans Pond walkway area. Jeremy Russell seconded. Vote - unanimous

Some of the playgrounds need mulch. Founders Park and Russell Park are the two parks that need the most refreshing. Barnette, Azalea, and Veterans Parks were refreshed within the last year. 50 cubic yards of mulch should top each of the playgrounds. Wil Ortiz made a motion to purchase up to 50 cubic yards of premium mulch at \$54 per yard. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote-unanimous.

Swings Stain – Wil Ortiz is still working to stain the wooden swings in the Village. It will take about 4 gallons of stain for the project at a cost of \$200. Jeremy Russell made a motion to approve spending up to \$200 to seal and stain the swings. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote – unanimous.

Ponds: Russell Park fountain lights have been installed. There is a remote control in the office and you can set colors to recognize special events or set it to run through the color spectrum. David will work with Joe Scaldara to bury the cables in the future.

Jeremy Russell received a letter from a child in the neighborhood about the pool. (attached)

Adjourn: Wil Ortiz made the motion to adjourn. Julian Mercer seconded the motion.
Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angie Figiel
Administrative Assistant

To who it may concern,

I feel the pool needs to open and this is why.

The pool should be open so kids can be kids.

Kids can use the pool to cool down. Kids can swim in the pool. To limit the number of people at the pool, you could make a schedule for the families. Who signed up to certain days of the week.

From. Rayna Hines