

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
JULY 27, 2015

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Fabian Szarko, Ashley Dance and Wil Ortiz

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: Mayor David Cleveland called the July 27, 2015 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: Mark Phillips – 6117 Trevor Simpson – shared that he has been approached by seven residents concerning a Bocce Ball Court for the Village. He visited the Bocce Ball Court in Pineville, NC. The court was installed as an Eagle Scout Project and material cost were \$3,100. The court may vary between 8' to 14' in width and 60' to 91' in length. The United States Bocce Federation (USBF) recommends that courts should be 13' x 91'. Most recreational courts are somewhat smaller in both length and width. The court in Pineville is 13' x 76'.

Judy Taul – 3801 Alden Street - requested that the common area hollies be pruned beside 3805 Alden Street.

Approval of Minutes: Fabian Szarko made the motion to approve the June 22, 2015 Regular Session minutes as presented. Wil Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes to the agenda.

Council Actions: Council approved closing Meeting Street between Creft and Creft for National Night Out, August 4th from 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

Budget Report: Mayor David Cleveland shared that at the end of the fiscal year in every category except water/sewer we were under budget. The water/sewer was over budget due to the pool losing 12,000 gallons of water. CPM has issued the Village a credit.

Ponds: Mayor David Cleveland shared that Foster Lake & Pond is doing a good job. On the last report we received there is a notation concerning muskrat activity at the front entrance pond, signs of beaver damage at Veterans Pond and erosion at ponds due to geese traffic.

Community Center: Mayor David Cleveland shared that three microphones and a sound board were purchased for chambers. We might also want to consider a cordless microphone.

Landscaping: The Faith Church Road castle has been severely vandalized. The whole inside of the castle was full of graffiti. Mayor David Cleveland removed the inappropriate language and pictures. Byrum Pressure Washing will finish cleaning the inside tomorrow.

The Village has received a quote from SouthEnd Painting for \$2,150 for the cleaning, repair and painting of the Normandy Castle. Mayor David Cleveland suggested that we increase the request to Council to \$2,500 to include some type of graffiti resistant paint. Ashley Dance made the motion to approve \$2,500 for Normandy Castle renovations. Wil Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Hoover Park Restoration – Mayor David Cleveland shared that the Village has one quote for the project but we really need two more. Ashley Dance volunteered to get two additional quotes for the restoration. There are brick repairs and caps that need to be replaced.

The three decorative benches have been installed and the two park benches for Russell Park have come in and just need to be installed.

The lights are here for the Veterans Pond flag up-lighting and the electrical work should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Lucas Landscaping has cleaned out and limbed up the woods at both Veterans Pond and the front entrance at no expense to the Village.

At Alden Pond the India Hawthorns have been removed and the Juniper trimmed back to enhance the view from the park bench.

Events: Fabian Szarko shared that the Fourth of July event was a lot of fun for those who participated. A special thanks to Food Lion for their donation to the event. The cost of goods and services to the Village \$369.96.

Ashley Dance shared National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4th. Sir Purr will be here for pictures and autographs, pizza, salad, peanuts and water will be provided. The Fire Safety house will be here along with The Union County Sheriff's Office and the Hemby Bridge Fire Department. The Sheriff's office will feature their youth Explorers program, offer Child ID kits, and demonstrate their K-9 drug dog. Union County SWAT will welcome everyone to their emergency response vehicle and will display sniper response gear. Union County Animal Services will share Petfinder and pet adoption information.

P&R decided that National Night Out is not a place for campaigning. Mayor David Cleveland will send an e-mail to all of the candidates requesting that no campaigning be done during NNO.

Central Academy is hosting Lake Park Live on October 10th. The event is open to the community. Ashley Dance made a motion to waive the rental fee for the event. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Ashley Dance asked about the Bocce Ball court and where the equipment for the court would be housed. P&R decided that individuals would need to bring their own equipment. Mayor David Cleveland shared that P&R has not budgeted for a court this fiscal year. P&R decided

to wait until later in the year to determine if funds are available or to consider adding the court in the next fiscal year.

The weather is having a big impact on the trees and shrubs in the Village. Mayor David Cleveland suggested that P&R meet and look at the common areas together and discuss projects that are budgeted for this year. P&R will meet at the Community Center on Saturday, August 15th at 9 am.

Adjourn: Fabian Szarko made the motion to adjourn. Wil Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Village Administrator