

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
MARCH 25, 2013**

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Royetta Trull, Cathy MacArthur, Kris Kirwan and Wayne Daniels

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: Royetta Trull called the March 25, 2013 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: Mark Phillips requested that we have a moratorium on egg addling this year. The geese population is down substantially since we started in 2007.

Amy Frank requested that the Village of Lake Park establish a community garden in which residents could grow plants and vegetables.

David Cleveland shared that both of these topics are on the agenda later this evening for discussion.

Approval of Minutes: David Cleveland made the motion to approve the February 25, 2013 Regular Session minutes as presented. Cathy MacArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: David Cleveland requested that under 10. Parks & Rec Projects add f. Addling of Geese Eggs, under 11. Landscaping add f. Balsam Pond Erosion Control and g. Logan Walkway – Leland Cypress. David Cleveland made the motion to modify the agenda. Cathy MacArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Council Actions: Council approved the following Parks and Rec requests:

- a. Approved Rate Reduction for Heart Link Network (\$40 instead of \$55)
- b. Approved Three Pond Treatments by Aquatic Resources - \$4500
- c. Approved Repair to Bond Beam on Jr. Olympic Pool by Swim Specialties - \$1800
- d. Approved Three Quotes for Sages Pond
 - 1) Lucas Landscaping for Ridge Rock Retaining Wall - \$18,450
 - 2) Eagle Engineering for Construction Administration & Materials Testing -\$3200
 - 3) 4' X 150' Safety Fence - \$2500

Budget Report: David Cleveland discussed the need to spend \$1,100 to replace two of the lights in the pool and replace 2 gaskets. The funds will come out of Pool Operations. The feature pool pump has gone out and will need to be replaced - \$625. The Village of Lake Park has been reimbursed the \$175 from a family due to the vandalism of the Christmas lights at the Kite Girl Monument. Parks and Rec will request that Council appropriate the funds back to Seasonal Decorations.

Council needs Parks and Rec's budget numbers before we meet again. The budget workshop is April 23rd at 7 p.m. The Lucas Landscaping contract expires March 1, 2014, therefore David Cleveland has figured a 6% increase for the contract for budgetary purposes. Park Maintenance is decreased because Parks and Rec did major shrub replacement last year. There is a line item for Bermuda Sod since we have several places that will not grow Fescue. We have also looked at installing benches in Azalea Park and at the basketball court. Clock Tower Fountain Maintenance is \$250 a month plus possible repairs.

We have pressure washing that needs to be done throughout the village. Royetta Trull requested that the neighborhood signs be added to the pressure washing list. Wayne Daniels shared that Founders Park needs to be pressure washed and painted.

Under Pond Maintenance, we have budgeted for six pond treatments and the dredging of Russell Park Pond. Future projects for ponds include the Conifer bank of Lake Charles and the erosion of Veterans Pond. The Community Center needs painting.

The pool contract expires January 1, 2014 therefore we have figured a 5% increase in that contract. We have a Reserve for Pool re-plastering. David Cleveland made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 to replace the pump house doors on the white pump house. Cathy MacArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Ponds: We have signed the contract for the retaining wall on Sages Pond. The cost for the fence is \$2,500 and the engineering is \$3,200. Work should start in early April and the project will take about two weeks.

The ponds should be treated in the next few weeks.

Pool: The lights have been replaced in the Jr. Olympic Pool and the Feature Pool pump has been replaced.

Events: Girls on the Run will be held April 27, 2013. DOT litter sweep is held in the spring and fall of each year. We will plan to host a fall litter sweep this year. The suggestion was made to ask Covenant Waste if they would sponsor a shredding day in Lake Park. Royetta Trull will talk to Sandy Coughlin about the event. Cathy MacArthur and Royetta Trull will meet to discuss the Fourth of July event and Royetta Trull will talk to the deputies about National Night Out.

Parks & Rec Projects: Three benches have been donated to the Village, two from Garden Club and one from Girls on the Run. The benches are a little smaller in order to fit on the existing concrete pads. The cost per bench is \$450. David Cleveland made a motion to purchase one of the smaller benches. Cathy MacArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Parks and Rec will purchase the fourth bench to complete the clock tower renovations.

Norris Jeffrey has offered to purchase one concrete bench if the Village will purchase the second bench. The two benches should be installed in the next four to six weeks.

The sidewalk at Alden Pond is complete and the one at Veterans Pond should be finished this week.

Amy Frank discussed a Community Garden for the Village of Lake Park. Community Gardens have become a new amenity for neighborhoods. One possibility for a location would be at Central Academy where the students could also participate in the garden. Royetta Trull expressed concerns about vandalism. David Cleveland suggested that Amy Frank talk to Faith United Methodist Church because it is visible and has very little shade. Cathy MacArthur asked if the garden was going to be all organic or would chemicals be introduced. Wayne Daniels suggested fencing to prevent the wildlife from damaging the crops. David Cleveland stated that the fence would need to follow HOA guidelines and the location will ultimately determine who will be responsible for supervising the garden. Judy Taul suggested that Amy talk to the Rock Church in Indian Trail however their beds are not raised like the ones in Matthews. Royetta Trull suggested that Amy Frank talk to the Town of Matthews and Town of Monroe to see how they handle their gardens. Amy Frank will do additional research on Community Gardens before the next Parks and Rec meeting.

David Cleveland will get an estimate to have the castle, gazebo, Founders Park gazebo, fishing pier, playground equipment and neighborhood signs pressure washed. Based upon time, David Cleveland made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 for pressure washing. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Mark Phillips suggested that we take a year off from egg addling. David Cleveland shared that we receive quite a few complaints concerning the geese. If we were to not addle this year, the geese population in Lake Park would increase by at least 100. The average nest in Lake Park has five eggs. Patty Dunn shared that because we have addled the eggs each year, the grass along the ponds is beginning to come back and we do not have the horrible smell in July and August due to bird droppings. Margaret Phillips stated that the geese do eat mosquitoes. David Cleveland, Royetta Trull and Wayne Daniels are not in favor of stopping the egg addling. David Cleveland will bring it up at Council.

Landscaping: David Cleveland and Cheri Clark met with Doug Lucas and Scott Staub on March 15th and discussed ant control, the volleyball court not being raked weekly, the new pet stations and their maintenance, trimming the trees on the Fennel Street walkway and pulling the mulch back under the swings at the playgrounds.

Kris Kirwan and David Cleveland rode around with Scott Staub on Thursday, March 21st and we have some quotes to review. Wayne Daniels and David Cleveland rode around on Friday, March 22 to make sure we have covered everything in the 2013 budget.

The Clock Tower sprinkler system has been tabled for now. The new sod will be watered.

David Cleveland provided a picture of the proposed fence to go around the plantings at the front entrance signage and nobody liked the fence. It was decided that we should look at ways to enhance the bed at the signage. David Cleveland provided a quote from Lucas Landscaping to mulch the trees along the Children's Lighthouse fence - \$510. David

Cleveland made a motion to approve the mulch along the fence line at the Children's Lighthouse. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

There was an article in the Charlotte Observer in January 2010 that discussed the Town of Mooresville's Bradford Pear tree replacement program. The Bradford Pears have become a safety issue and are being replaced with Autumnalis Cherry trees and Zelkova trees. Unfortunately these two types of trees are too large to replace our Bradford Pear trees.

As part of the Lucas Landscaping contract, Parks and Rec needs to approve to \$1,200 for spring flowers. David Cleveland made the motion to approve the \$1,200 for spring flowers. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote to refresh the mulch in the village - \$4,500. David Cleveland made a motion to approve the mulch. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. David Cleveland will take this to Council in April.

Balsam Pond has an erosion problem where the Corkscrew Willows were removed. Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote of \$2,248. David Cleveland made a motion to approve the plantings with the funds to come from Pond Maintenance. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Logan Circle walkway has a Leyland Cypress that needs to be removed. Lucas Landscaping provided a quote to removed the Leyland Cypress and plant two Green Giant Arborvitae - \$450. David Cleveland made a motion to approve the removal of the Leyland Cypress and to plant the Green Giant Arborvitae on Logan Circle. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Wayne Daniels was out Friday and noticed quite a bit of skateboard damage on the brick work at Hoover Park.

Royetta Trull shared that it is Parks and Rec's responsibility when we see things to either send an e-mail or call and report it. We also have a responsibility to be professional and to remember that everything we say is public record. Royetta Trull also requested that Parks and Rec familiarize ourselves with all the common areas.

Community Center: Royetta Trull will work on getting quotes to paint the Community Center.

Adjourn: David Cleveland made the motion to adjourn. Cathy MacArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Clerk