

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
MAY 26, 2014**

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

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: David Cleveland called the May 26, 2014 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: Mildred Similton requested approval for Central Academy and Central Church to host an event on August 23, 2014 – Lake Park Live: Music and Arts Festival. The purpose of the event is to promote a sense of community in the Village; promote awareness of Town Center businesses and to enhance Central Academy and Central Church's role in the community. There will be live music, artisan displays and booths, vendors and activities for children and youth. The event would be held at the Town Center Gazebo from 10 am to 2 pm. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve the event. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Judith Taul shared that she is a charter member of the Garden Club and has lived in Lake Park for 13 years. Mrs. Taul expressed her gratitude to Ashley and Shannon Dance for all of their hard work in putting together our first Memorial Day Celebration and therefore would like to nominate them for the Hometown Heroes award. Mrs. Taul also reminded P&R that she would like to see the five big trees at Veterans Park decorated red, white and blue this year during the holidays. There are muskrats on Alden Pond and Mrs. Taul is requesting a Bald Cypress tree on point.

Mayor David Cleveland read Mr. Bill Crocker's note:
To the Garden Club,

My name is Bill Crocker and I live on Sages Avenue. I am a Korean Veteran. I served on three aircraft carriers: The Salerno Bay, the WASP and the Valley Forge. I was deeply touched by the Memorial Day service at Veterans Pond. The new flag staff and flag are a great tribute to our Veterans. Thank you so much for all your efforts to make this happen!

Guy Eboh has expressed interest in being involved in P&R. There are several volunteer opportunities to be involved - Fourth of July and National Night Out are the next two.

Approval of Minutes: Fabian Szarko made the motion to approve the April 28, 2014 Regular Session minutes as presented. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Fabian Szarko made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Mayor David Cleveland welcomed Ashley Dance to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Council approved her appointment at the May Council meeting.

Council Actions: David Cleveland shared that Council approved the following:

1. The purchase of new commercial grade carpet for the Community Center Rental Room from Lowes Home Improvement - \$1,145.42
2. A quote from Southend Painting to pressure wash, caulk and paint the exterior of the Community Center - \$2,427.50
3. A quote from Byrum Pressure Cleaning to pressure wash Russell Park playground equipment and sidewalks around the Community Center, Clock Tower and Gazebo area - \$1,200.
4. A quote for new pool umbrellas and pool chairs - \$2,500.
5. The quote from Banner Signs for \$4,500 for the identification signs at each of the ponds and a Town Hall sign.
6. The quote from Lucas Landscaping for two lighted fountains in Russell Park Pond - \$7,500.

Budget Report: Mayor David Cleveland discussed the Budget Report. The 2013/14 Budget is \$355,150. As of 4/30/14 P&R has spent \$197,453. Outstanding invoices \$111,424. Available funds until June 30, 2014 - \$46,273.

Community Center: Mayor David Cleveland would like to test both the proposed sound system and video at a Council meeting before purchasing the systems. The carpet is being installed June 17th.

Landscaping: Wayne Daniels has received one contractor's quote for the Founder's Park Gazebo and will be seeking at least two additional quotes for the project.

Mayor David Cleveland shared that he is waiting on Overstream concerning the fountain linings.

The benches have been installed including the two on the Community Center front porch.

The Bermuda sod at Normandy Pond is supposed to be installed this week.

The Russell Park playground mulch has been installed.

Ponds: Mayor David Cleveland stated that the May Pond Treatments should be completed this week. Wayne Daniels and Mayor David Cleveland have looked into getting better quality fountains with more light and automatic back flushing. All of the wires will be buried and the fountains will be anchored at the bottom of the pond.

Pool: Pool Season has started and membership sales are going well. Opening weekend was busy.

Events: The Spring Cleanup was a success. Thanks to the 30 residents that participated in the event. Fabian Szarko thanked Cathy MacArthur for organizing the event.

The July 4th celebration will be held in Russell Park from 11:00 am to 2 pm. Common Heart will kick off the day's events with a 10K race at 7:30 am followed by a 5K, a 1K race and a kid's firecracker dash at 10 am. The annual children's parade will begin at 11:00 am at the Community Center. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available in the park along with free watermelon. A DJ will entertain and games will be held for the children. Meeting Street between Creft and Creft will be closed during the races. The Home Town Hero Award will be presented.

National Night Out is August 5th from 6:30 to 9 pm. Blair Cooper has volunteered to start a Neighborhood Watch Program for the Village.

There is a Swim Meet on June 23rd and therefore P&R will meet on June 30th.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Village Administrator