

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
JULY 28, 2014

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

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: David Cleveland called the July 28, 2014 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: There was no Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes: Ashley Dance made the motion to approve the June 30, 2014 Regular Session minutes as presented. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Delete 11. A – Water Fountain, Add – 11. A Pool Coping; 11. B. Pump and Filter; and 9.F. Crape Myrtles at Alden Pond. Kris Kirwan made the motion to approve changes to the agenda. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

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

1. Three months of Pond Treatments - \$4500
2. Masonry Repairs - \$1500

Budget Report: Mayor David Cleveland shared that P&R spent 10% less than the 2013 – 2014 budget. Items that impacted the 2013 – 2014 budget included pool furniture that was not delivered and invoiced, painting of the exterior of the Community Center and the dredging of Russell Park Pond being paid for by Stormwater. As far as line items that were over budget – tree and stump removal and Bermuda sod.

Since P&R did their 2014 -2015 annual budget several items need to be addressed: Queens & Hoover Park, Founders Park Gazebo, Community Center exterior painting, playground mulch at Founders Park and Azalea Park and pool furniture. P&R did get the Pond Identification signs in the 2013 – 2014 budget. Under P&R maintenance we have budgeted \$3500 for Bermuda Sod and we could defer sod installation. We also have \$2,000 for tennis and basketball court repairs that may be able to be deferred. P&R also has a \$10,000 miscellaneous line item for unbudgeted needs.

Community Center: P&R decided to table the sound system for now. To date, one of the proposals for 2 microphones, 1 amplifier and a wireless speaker - \$500 compared to a sound system with speakers in the ceiling and 5 microphones - \$4,000.

Security Cameras: Mark Phillips made his security cameras presentation to the Council in July. Council had a few questions concerning the presentation that Mark Phillips is going to investigate and report back to Council.

Landscaping: Wayne Daniels has received a quote from John Laurents concerning the gazebo at Founders Park. Hoods Masonry has provided a quote for just the repair work not the painting. P&R is waiting on another quote from a contractor that suggested that we seal cracks and patch the needed repairs.

The Queens and Hoover pier caps are not inexpensive. Hoods Masonry suggested using bricks at angles as opposed to the caps. Brick Masters, another mason will have us a quote for the next P&R meeting. Ashley Dance inquired about the removal of shrubs at Queens and Hoover. Mayor David Cleveland shared that Lucas Landscaping had removed some shrubs from behind the front wall. This is an area that we will need to look at early fall.

One of the clock tower fountains is not working. CPM has turned the pump off. There is a leak in the fountain, but we have been unable to determine where it is leaking. At first, we thought it was leaking at the light or the inlet pipe at the auto fill; however, it is now believed to be leaking somewhere in the return line. The return line goes underneath the fountain. CPM is going to try and pressure check the line. During the time the fountain has been off, the pit which holds the motor has filled up with water and burned the motor out.

The playgrounds at Founder's Park and Azalea Park need mulch. Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote for \$2,300. The mulch needs to be replaced as it is a safety issue. Kris Kirwan made a motion to install mulch at the two playgrounds. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

The Veterans Park flag needs more illumination at night. P&R has requested a quote from an electrician.

P&R discussed fall plantings including two white Crepe Myrtles at Alden Pond.

Mayor David Cleveland read into the minutes an email he received from Patty Dunn.

Good morning, David ~

Below are some things I've noticed around our Village recently. You probably already have these items on your list for the P & R Meeting tomorrow. In any event, thought I'd run these by you.

1 - The trash around Lake Charles is not being removed by Lucas on a regular basis. They were doing a good job until recently, but the attention to this has fallen off. Severe rainfalls may be reason for them to check for debris more often.

The trash in the ponds was brought to Lucas Landscaping attention last week.

2 - The field adjacent to Faith United Methodist Church needs to be mowed a minimum of once per week. The field is entirely weeds and grows very fast. This is unsightly for residents and visitors to Lake Park.

Cheri Clark will call both Faith United Methodist Church and Central Academy at Lake Park.

3 - The planting beds along the green belt where the Fishing Pier is located are in need of pruning/re-planting/mulching. These, too, are unsightly. P & R approved an additional \$650.00+/- for Lucas to complete the spring mulching, but this still has not been done. I would also suggest considering some knock out roses be planted along this area to provide some much needed color.

The additional mulch that P&R approved at the May meeting was installed on May 13th. Additional mulch will be installed in the fall.

4 - There has been past discussion of re-landscaping the front entrance to Lake Park. Would you please bring us up to date on the progress of these plans? I looked at our Village of Lake Park website and the picture of the entrance doesn't resemble what's there today!

There is money in the 2014 – 2015 budget for renovations at the front entrance pond. P&R will be discussing plans in the next couple of months.

5 - There are overgrown weeds along a fence on Fennell Street. I'll explain the location when I see you tomorrow evening.

At the end of Lake Charles on the Fennell Street side, the fence along the common property needs landscaping.
Thanks for all you're doing to keep Lake Park the lovely place to live that we love so much.

My best,
Patty.

The dead Juniper at the edge of Alden Pond has been removed and the holly on the walkway from Lincoln Court to Alden Pond has been pruned.

Ponds: Mayor David Cleveland shared that the ponds were treated last week. Due to renovations at Russell Park Pond, the pond was not treated in April. By May, the primrose had established a presence in the pond. In order to get rid of the Primrose at this point, the primrose would need to be removed by hand.

Aquatic Resources provided a quote to remove the primrose – \$953.00. Wayne Daniels made a motion to approve the removal of the primrose by hand. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion.
Vote – Unanimous.

Pool: Carolina Pool Management (CPM) has brought it to our attention that we currently have four places where coping will need to be patched on the main pool and one place on the water feature pool. The Village will need to get a quote from Swim Specialties to have the work done after pool season.

CPM has also recommended a pump room renovation to include a sand and filter change, new pumps for the old adult pool and baby pool and new plumbing from the ground up.

Pool Memberships to date - \$49,280.

Events: The Fourth of July had a good turnout. The cost for hosting the event - \$254 for the Village. Mayor David Cleveland thanked Kris Kirwan and Wayne Daniels for manning the grill, Ashley Dance and Fabian Szarko for all their planning for the event and all the volunteers for helping to make the celebration a fun afternoon in Lake Park.

National Night Out (NNO) is August 5th from 6:30 to 9 pm. The banners were installed over the weekend and the e-blast is going out the week of July 28th.

Some activities include:

- Pizza from Little Caesars.
- Chick-fil-A Cow Appearance and Coupons
- WhatsWaterIce of the Carolinas Selling Frozen Treats
- DJ Daniel Cooke
- Union County Explorers Program providing Child ID Kits
- Union County Animal Services Officer w/possible Adoption Animal(s)
- Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Drug Dog
- Union County Special Response Team with Sniper Response Gear and Tactical Vehicle
- Give Away Items
- Hemby Bridge Fire Department Appearance
- Corey Family Martial Arts providing a free Introductory Self Defense Class

Mayor David Cleveland shared that over the next month, P&R needs to evaluate sidewalks in the parks and common areas in order to determine which ones are trip hazards. P&R will also need to discuss where to plant replacement trees, which Bradford trees are rotten and breaking and which ones are raising sidewalk panels. Shrubbery replacements and new beds will also need to be determined. In looking at the front entrance, P&R needs to decide how we want to improve the front entrance.

Adjourn: Kris Kirwan made the motion to adjourn. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Village Administrator