

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
JANUARY 26, 2015**

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

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: Mayor David Cleveland called the January 26, 2015 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: Swim Team President Paul Figiel requested the use of the Paul Wolfcale Recreation Complex for the summer swim league. The team is typically made up of about 80 swimmers from both the VOLP and non-residents. Last year the Piranhas won the Divisional Championship. Ashley Dance made the motion to allow the Swim Team to use the pool this summer. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Fabian Szarko made the motion to approve the November 24, 2014 Regular Session minutes as presented. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Fabian Szarko made a motion to add 5. 3 Versailles Pond. 10. d. Field Trip and 6.a. Community Service. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Ponds: Tracie Richardson and Tim Lyons with Southern Pond Management discussed the VOLP stormwater retention ponds. Southern Pond Management is licensed by the State of North Carolina for both pond management and pesticide treatment. Southern Pond Management is a full service company and their goal is for ponds to be a non-issue. Tracie Richardson stated that the first thing they would do before taking over Lake Park's ponds would be to conduct a water quality analysis on each pond. The ph. balance of a pond is crucial in knowing how to treat the pond for the optimum results. For bidding purposes, Southern Pond would submit a do not exceed bid.

Mayor David Cleveland shared that a local vendor for Barley straw has been found and Lucas Landscaping has agreed to let us store the straw at their office. Parks and Rec decided to pursue the local purchase of Barley straw to test on a couple of ponds.

Wayne Daniels discussed the fish kill in Versailles Pond. Within the last two weeks, the small Herring in Versailles Pond were killed probably due to the cold snap. Wayne Daniels made the motion to have Lucas Landscaping remove the dead fish in the spillway - \$250. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Budget Report: Mayor David Cleveland shared that we are over budget in Christmas Lights - \$1745.28 but remain under budget in Seasonal Decorations since we had budgeted to purchase a new set of banners for the Village. Ashley Dance asked if the lights were removed from the Christmas tree on Meeting Street. Mayor David Cleveland shared that he met with Union County Forester Bill Smith concerning the tree and Bill Smith felt that the lights could go another year. P&R will need to budget for the tree light removal - \$600.

Mayor David Cleveland thanked Brian Kirwan and his Union Academy classmates that picked up trash at the back entrance on Carol Avenue and on Indian Trail Unionville Road. They plan to do trash detail once a month and they filled three roll up containers. Kris Kirwan made a motion to purchase trash grippers, gloves, trash bags etc. for the Community Service team. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Community Center: Mayor David Cleveland shared that Council approved the installation of security cameras at the Community Center. Ashley Dance asked if Council has established a policy. Mayor David Cleveland stated that Council is working on a policy.

The carpet in the rental room has been cleaned and the floors have been stripped and waxed.

Landscaping: Mayor David Cleveland shared that Arp Engineering provided a verbal report on the structural condition of Founders Park gazebo, we have never received a written report. There is decorative degradation but not structural. P&R has three options:

1. Repair, paint and seal.
2. Paint and seal.
3. Do nothing.

Parks and Recreation will go to Founders Park on the field trip. Wayne Daniels stated that at a minimum, the Founders Park gazebo should be repaired, painted and sealed.

Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote for solar lights at the front entrance columns - \$75 each. P&R decided to not have the solar lights installed.

Five companies have been invited to bid on the water feature at the front entrance. We have a \$20,000 budget for the project not including the landscaping which will be added in the fall.

Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote for the Courtland and Carol cul-de-sacs to add knockout roses - \$192. Ashley Dance made the motion to approve the installation of the knockout roses. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote to plant fescue sod where the Bradford Pears were removed on Conifer Circle - \$1600. The wood chips will be removed and soil will be added at these locations before laying the sod. Wayne Daniels made a motion to approve the quote from Lucas Landscaping for the sod installation. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Lucas Landscaping has provided a quote to replace the shrubbery around the clock tower flag poles - \$364. Kris Kirwan made the motion to approve the shrubbery replacement. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Pool: Parks and Rec reviewed the Pool Membership Rates and decided to recommend to Council that the 2015 rates remain the same as the 2014 rates. Ashley Dance made the motion to approve the 2015 Pool Membership rates. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Parks and Rec also discussed the Pool Membership categories and decided to not change the membership categories or the way the memberships could be used.

Carolina Pool is offering defibrillators for pools - \$1600. The lifeguards are trained on the defibrillators as part of their certification. P&R has not budgeted for a defibrillator in the 2014 – 2015 budget. Questions concerning the Village’s liability were raised. Tabled until the February meeting.

Swim Specialties has provided a quote for pool coping repair - \$850. Ashley Dance made a motion to approve the repair. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

The southwest fountain at the clock tower is leaking since the replacement of the light. CPM is working on the problem.

Events: P&R decided on the following Calendar of Events:

Clean Up Day – May 2, 2015

Memorial Day – May 25, 2015

Fourth of July – July 4, 2015

National Night Out – August 4, 2015

Chili Cook-off – November 14, 2015

Christmas Tree Lighting – December 6, 2015

Common Heart has asked the Village to permit their races on July 4, 2015 prior to the VOLP festivities. Ashley Dance suggested that the Village partner with Common Heart and have a Food Drive on the Fourth.

Girls on the Run would like to donate something to enhance the Village. In the past, GOTR has donated a park bench.

P&R decided to have a Special Meeting – field trip – on Saturday, February 7th at 10 am. The field trip will start at the Community Center.

P&R Commission Openings: Wayne Daniels has volunteered to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission for another 3 year term. Kris Kirwan has agreed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission until another commission member joins the board.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Village Administrator