

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC  
NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

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

**Clerk:** Cheri Clark

**Call to Order:** Mayor David Cleveland called the November 24, 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 September 22, 2014 Regular Session minutes as presented. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Kris Kirwan made a motion to add 7A. Community Service to the agenda. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Council Actions:** Mayor David Cleveland shared that there were no Council actions last month concerning Parks and Recreation.

**Budget Report:** Mayor David Cleveland shared that the old pump-house renovations were completed at the end of October. Lucas Landscaping has completed the planting of trees and shrubs and Cardinal Construction has finished replacing broken sidewalk panels.

**Calendar:** Fabian Szarko made the motion to approve the 2015 Parks and Recreation calendar as presented. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Community Service:** Kris Kirwan would like to help coordinate community service for students in Lake Park. Each volunteer would need to sign a waiver of liability and be supervised. Activities that could be done by the volunteers include graffiti removal, trash removal, and the cleaning of the inlets and outlets at the ponds. Kris Kirwan made a motion to approve supervised community service projects. Wayne Daniels seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Community Center:** The heating and air units at the Community Center are original and beginning to have issues. Lovin's Heating and Air Conditioning provided P&R with a quote to replace the two units - \$12,000.00.

**Landscaping:** Founders Park Gazebo – ARP Engineering has evaluated the gazebo and provided a verbal report; however, we have not received the final written report.

Sidewalks – Precision Safe Sidewalks has completed all of the repairs to the sidewalks on Creft Circle and on the common area side of Conifer Circle to Lake Park Road. Cardinal Construction has replaced the sidewalk panels that could not be repaired.

Lucas Landscaping has completed the planting of 41 trees and 49 shrub replacements in the Village.

Front Entrance – In the past, P&R has received a rough layout from Lucas Landscaping for upgrading the shrubbery and a water feature. P&R needs to determine the type of water feature that would enhance the entrance and consider doing the water feature in the spring and the landscaping in the fall. Fabian Szarko expressed his concerns about the maintenance for the water feature and the LED lighting. Kris Kirwan shared that the Front Entrance needs to make a strong statement about the Village. Mayor David Cleveland suggested that P&R develop a loose bid sheet with information on the entrance including a water feature similar to the Davis Trace entrance, discussing the size pump and the criteria for our existing signage. P&R could then put the project out to various vendors for feedback and pricing.

Fabian Szarko discussed the Union Power tree pruning along the back of Alden Pond. The utility company has removed a lot of trees and foliage.

**Ponds:** Mayor David Cleveland talked with Bill Whitley, Union County Parks and Recreation Division Director concerning their pond in Fred Kirby Park. The County uses Barley Straw as a preventative method of algae control. P&R decided to use the Barley Straw in conjunction with chemical treatments to see if we can improve the water quality and aesthetics of our ponds. Ashley Dance made a motion to purchase 24 bales of Barley Straw. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Wayne Daniels shared that he has moved between 150 and 160 Brim to the Russell Park pond and he plans to move another 150.

**Pool:** Cheryl Bennett has completed the 2014 Pool Report. The report covers a twelve month period from October 2013 through September 2014 which reflects the operations of the three pools for one “pool season”. Revenues from Pool Memberships - \$49,270, Daily Swim Fees - \$13,213, Total cash expenses - \$71,878 with a total cost of \$26,566.

**Events:** Wayne Daniels shared that the Chili-Cook Off did not have as good of a turn-out as past years due to the weather. Both Wayne Daniels and Fabian Szarko would like P&R to come up with another way to judge the Chili-Cook Off.

The Christmas tree lighting is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Faith United Methodist Church will lead the singing of Christmas carols and reading of the scripture. Union Academy musician will play Christmas music starting at 5:30. The program is from 5:30 to 6:30, with the Christmas tree being lit at 6 pm by the Dance family.

**P&R Commission Openings:** Both Wayne Daniels and Kris Kirwan' s terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission expire in February 2015. Mayor David Cleveland encouraged both men to reapply for the two positions. The positions will be advertised in the December Villager.

P&R decided to cancel the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Adjourn:** Fabian Szarko made the motion to adjourn. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark  
Village Administrator