

MINUTES

Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board February 14, 2017

The Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon at the Athletics & Activity Center Conference Room. Board Members Present: Jeff Donaldson, Chairman, Terry Maybin, Corum Smith, Jennifer Hensley, Virgle McClure, Sue Myers, Tommy Laughter, Scott Rhodes and Charlie Messer. Absent: Elizabeth Moss. Staff Present: Tim Hopkin and Diana Edney.

Minutes: Virgle made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 minutes. Sue seconded. Motion approved.

Public Input:

There was no public input at this meeting.

New Business:

1. Programs and Parks Updates – Tim updated the Board on the following:
 - Dana Park Playground – the first element has been ordered. The playground company chosen was Kompani.
 - Tuxedo Park Meeting will be held on February 21st. The community will decide on the playground at this meeting.
 - Jackson Park Fields 8/9 is just about complete. Fencing has been removed and new fencing added with yellow toppers, new scoreboards installed and the electrician was at the park this morning working on them (they are wireless), safety screening installed and portable scorekeepers booths have been purchased. Charlie commented that he was upset that the fields 8/9 project was just now being done, when money was given to the department last summer for the project to begin. Charlie also spoke to the Board that the Board of Commissioners has given \$25,000 for the Etowah Lions Club concessions stand upgrade. Jennifer asked who operates the concession stand at fields 8/9, field #2 at Jackson Park? Tim said the department operates field 8/9 and HC Youth Baseball operates field #2. Charlie stated that this Board should have known about the request for money for the concession stand at Etowah Park. Jennifer stated if it is hard for the Etowah Lions Club to operate their concession stand, the girls softball league can help. Jennifer stated to Virgle that she would like to attend an Etowah Lion's Club meeting. Charlie also stated that the high schools are going to request funding for artificial turf on the football fields. Charlie said the schools that will be requesting funding are West High, North High and East High. Scott said this request is on the Board of Commissioners Agenda for Wednesday, February 15th (tomorrow). Scott made a motion to give support for the 3 turf fields

on the Board of Commissioners Agenda for Wed., Feb. 15th. Terry seconded. Motion passed.

- Replaced fencing on off-leash dog area.
 - Upper tennis courts at JP will be re-done this spring.
2. Wayfinding Signs Directing to Jackson Park – Lew Hollaway from the TDA spoke to the Board about the county-wide wayfinding sign project (Phase I). Mr. Hollaway informed the Board that this project is partnership with the municipalities. These signs will replaced the current signage at Jackson Park. Mr. Hollaway showed the Board a PowerPoint presentation and a map of the proposed sign destination. Mr. Hollaway said that there would be 2 separate locations for Jackson Park. They are: Spartanburg Highway/Glover Street and Ashe Street/Four Seasons Blvd. The sign on Ashe St. /Four Seasons Blvd will include the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Hollaway said that the wayfinding signs are:
- Tool for Tourism
 - Wayfinding add Cohesion
 - Reduce signs Clutter
 - Wayfinding is Welcoming

Mr. Hollaway said this will be a 68 sign system throughout the County and the TDA has included future wayfinding signage into their grants using the design they have. Scott thanked Lew and said he did a great job on the presentation. Corum made a motion to approve the Wayfinding Signs for Jackson Park. Tommy seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Greenway Options at Jackson Park – Tim and the Board agreed that the Board liked a few of the Greenway options that was presented at the last meeting and that maybe the Board needs to address some bigger issues. Tim said other things the Board could do is meet the needs of the community. Tim said the Greenway needs to be functional. Jennifer said she would like to have a 400 meter community track as well. Corum made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like to see [REDACTED] and Jennifer seconded. Motion passed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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