

Warren County Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023

Members present: Tyrone Simes (chair), Mike Coffman, Trey Breedlove, Reinaldo Espinosa, Milo Alston, Ihsan Abdin, Michelle Stallings and Commissioner Victor Hunt (Quorum was present)

Staff present: Bonnie Fitz

Also present: Jennie Franklin, Rev. Perry, Mr. and Ms. Cooper and Greg Williams.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Public Comments: None

Minutes Approved: Mike motioned to approve the January 12, 2023, minutes which were seconded by Trey and approved by all.

Satellite Site Funding Presentation: Ms. Franklin presented on behalf of Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Planned equipment needs to add to the church's playground totals \$12,064 and installation cost totals \$7050 for a total of \$23,311.53 (which includes tax and shipping). The commission has \$10,000 left in the current budget to fund satellite sites. After some discussion, Michelle made a motion to fund the project in the amount of \$10,000 with the stipulation that it would need to be spent within 12 months and that receipts of purchases would be required. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Bonnie will draw up a contract.

Heck's Grove Satellite Site Update: Bonnie provided receipts of equipment purchases by Heck's Grove Community Center as of today. After some delays, the equipment is expected to arrive late June.

Commission Vacancies: Mike motioned, and Milo seconded that Michelle and Derek Alston be reappointed to the Parks and Rec Commission. That motion carried unanimously.

Program Updates:

- The Lifeguard Academy project yielded few results. 6 to 8 candidates applied and 4 dropped out. Two lifeguards should be secured at this time for the outdoor pool with a recertification course May 27 for one of them.
- The Easter Egg Hunt was moved to WCMS due to rain.
- WCMS Softball Games and a few baseball games held at WCRC.
- WCHS games this week relocated to WCRC.
- Senior Games: Track & Field was held at WCHS and pickleball at John Graham Gym. The five counties of the Kerr Tar COG area had participants represented.
- Youth Tennis has commenced with 17 registered. It is free to participate due to the USTA grant previously awarded. Senior Tennis: Currently accepting registration through May 23 (May 30-June 20) with lessons to start May 30th.
- Baseball, Softball, T Ball: games began in May

- Girls Volleyball: WCMS
- Silver Arts: Armory May 18 8:30a-2p
- Job Fair @ WCRC May 23 5-7pm
- Adult Kickball/Youth Kickball-May 23 registration will open through June 15
- Various other camps will begin in the summer with dates and flyers shared.

Facilities Update:

- Concrete entrance to the Parks and Recreation office completed. Construction items started at John Graham Gym and the lobby. Work in the lobby has started. Equipment for the gym has been ordered.
- At Magnolia Ernest Recreation Complex the picnic shelter bid was awarded in April, waiting on engineering drawings, and hope to begin in June project to begin in June. The bath house portion was sent out to bid twice and had no bidders for the work scheduled indoors. Roof work at the bath house has been awarded upon second bid and hope to be finished in June.
- Staff met with a vendor in reference to potential kayak launch at Buck Spring Park and awaiting potential options and fees associated with it.

Parks and Rec Commission:

- Would like to see the parks and recreation budget
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.