



**KINSTON/LENOIR COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019  
5:30 PM – KINSTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nicholas Harvey, (Chair)  
Amanda Sawyer, (Vice-Chair)  
Rosalyn Yarus  
Nathan Perry  
Merwyn Smith

Ed Futrell  
Sonya Berry  
Dr. James Sylvia  
Glenn Whitley

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Laura McPhaul  
Felicia Solomon  
Sonya Berry  
Christopher Bradshaw  
Kelly Jarman

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The February, 2019 meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Nicholas Harvey. The January, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion–Futrell; Second – Perry; Vote –Unanimous.

Mr. Harvey introduced Mr. Merwyn Smith to the commission. Mr. Smith replaced Jon Sargeant, representing the Lenoir County School Board.

Mr. Harvey updated the commission on the hiring of the new Parks & Recreation Director. Mr. Corey Povar has been hired as the new director and will be starting work on March 11, 2019. Mr. Povar is coming from Fountain Hills, Arizona.

The commission requested that Mr. Harvey set up a meeting with City Council to establish some direction of the specific duties that is expected of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Specifically mentioned were the hiring of the Parks & Recreation Director, the Kinston Kingfish contract and the changing of the department’s tournament fees. Mr. Harvey stated that he will talk to the City Manager about setting up this meeting.

Scott Alston reiterated that the basketball tournament fees need to be looked at in the future by the commission but for now the current fees are being implemented.

Mr. Harvey stated that the group who is requesting to erect a tower for internet/broadband at the Pink Hill ballfield would like to come to a future meeting to discuss this with the commission. This was brought to the commission a few years ago and the commission unanimously voted against the tower being placed on the Pink Hill property.

Scott Alston informed the commission that the youth soccer numbers this season have increased and he hopes that the baseball change over to Little League will increase those numbers as well.

The commission was informed about the Freedom Classic Navy/Airforce Baseball Series at Grainger Stadium on February 22-24. All commission members were invited to attend the games. They were also invited to the luncheon that will be held at the Kinston Country Club on Friday at 12:00 to meet some of the players and the coaches.

The commission was updated on the full-time employee vacancies for Holloway and

the Kinston Community Center. The positions have been advertised and interviews have been completed. There were some great candidates and they hope to fill the positions soon.

Glenn Whitley has concerns about the HVAC not working in the gym at Fairfield. The heat was not working due to the HVAC system not being replaced, however the City Council voted to install a new HVAC for Fairfield Gym.

Mr. Harvey requested that the commission be included in the 2019/20 budget process with the City Council and the County Commissioners and is going to discuss this with the City Manager.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion – Whitley; Second – Perry, Vote – Unanimous.

Debra A. Wicker  
Secretary to the Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission