



MINUTES

Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

October 10, 2019

5:30pm

KINSTON COMMUNITY CENTER (CONFERENCE ROOM)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nick Harvey
Amanda Sawyer
Sue Ellen Maddux
Christopher Bradshaw
Sonya Berry
Steve Saint-Amand

Kelly Jarman
Dr. Gary Wojeski
Dr. James Sylvia
Rosalyn Yarus
Nathan Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Felicia Solomon
Ed Futrell
Merwyn Smith

The October, 2019 meeting was called to order by the Chair, Nick Harvey. A motion was made to approve the September, 2019 minutes.

Motion – Sylvia; Second – Sawyer; Vote – Unanimous.

Beth Payne, along with other members of the Kinston Disc Golf Association were present at the meeting to discuss the Joel Smith Memorial Disc Golf Course and to request the commission's approval to move the course from its current location (behind the old Sportlane Bowling Alley on Hwy.70) to Bill Fay Park. A tentative map outlining the proposed course was distributed to the commission for them to view. The course on Highway 70 was originally started approximately five (5) year ago but due to constant flooding at this location, the course was never completed. The Kinston Disc Golf Association feels moving this course to Bill Fay will be an asset to the park, especially with the Par 3 Golf Course also being located at the same park. Corey Povar stated that if approved, this course will be located near the Par 3 Golf Course in the wooded area at the back of Bill Fay Park, which he believes will be a good fit and very common with other park locations. The Bill Fay location also has abundant parking and two picnic shelters, which will be beneficial during tournaments. It will also expose new players to disc golf that have not played at the Barnet Park Disc Golf Course location. There will be no fee to play disc golf, however it was recommended to install an honor box for those willing to donate funds for improvements to the course. The Kinston Disc Golf Association already has 19 disc golf goals, sponsorships and donations to help fund the move of the course. Sue Ellen Maddux stated that once the course is completed she believes more people will come forward to donate additional funds in memory of Joel Smith. She also has concerns that there will be complaints about not charging for disc golf and charging for ball golf at the same location. Rosalyn Yarus recommended that discs be rented and/or sold out of the Par 3 Golf Course shop. After no further discussion, a motion was made to approve moving the Joel Smith Memorial Disc Golf Course from its current location off Highway 70 to Bill Fay Park.

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

The Athletic Staff met and requested that the commission approve the following youth football rule change: **2 plays per quarter moved to 4 plays per quarter.**

A motion was made to approve the requested football rule change.

Motion – Perry; Second- Saint-Amand; Vote; Unanimous.

Corey Povar discussed the department's current tournament fees with the commission. He informed them that he met with Thurman Pate, Athletic Supervisor concerning the number of tournaments that are being held at numerous recreation sites in the city and county, the amount of overtime and money that is being spent and the lack of funds that are being collected by the

department. Corey stated that surrounding areas require an advanced deposit to book a tournament and the rental of fields comes with one free field prep and a \$25/per field light fee. Sue Ellen stated that in the past, Fairfield charged for a \$25 light usage fee for baseball tournaments. She also informed the commission that the Little League Tournament held at Fairfield this past summer made no money due to not being able to collect a gate fee per Little League Regulations. The only money made was approximately \$500 through selling concessions. Corey stated that he feels the tournament fees and field and lighting fees need to be increased to cover the staffing cost and maintenance cost of having tournaments. Corey stated that he will discuss the fees with his athletic staff and will bring back a suggested fee increase for their approval at the next meeting.

Corey Povar informed the commission that the proposed soccer complex at the old Harper Salvage yard was not built due to a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant not being approved. Dr. Wojeski questioned whether another PARTF grant for the soccer complex could be something the department could request in the future. Corey stated that he will look at the proposed soccer complex site and also the department's masterplan and see if building a soccer complex is something viable for the department in the future.

Corey Povar updated the commission on youth sports and upcoming program additions. He stated that the football participation numbers are down and the Holloway Youth Football team is currently undefeated. Melissa McCoy, Recreation Program Supervisor is now being utilized as an in-house personal trainer for the Kinston Community Center, Mock Athletic Skills Facility and Holloway Recreation Center. She will also be utilized as a fitness instructor at all city recreation centers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion – Saint-Amand; Second – Jarman; Vote – Unanimous.

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