



MINUTES

Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting and Christmas Party

December 12, 2019

5:30pm

Parks & Recreation Department - Director's Office

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicholas Harvey Sonya Berry
Amanda Sawyer Merwyn Smith
Rosalyn Yarus Nathan Perry
Dr. Gary Wojeski Chris Bradshaw
Sue Ellen Maddux

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelly Jarman Steve Saint-Amand
Felicia Solomon Dr. James Sylvia
Ed Futrell

The December, 2019 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Nicholas Harvey. A motion was made to approve the December, 2019 minutes with the correction of adding Mr. Merwyn Smith to the members present and removing Dr. James Sylvia who was listed twice under the members present.

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

Bryan Dawson, County Program Supervisor was present at the meeting to discuss implementing changes for the 9-12 year old youth baseball program in Lenoir County. Bryan stated that he would like to start holding a city and county wide draft and all games for this age group would try out at Fairfield Park. Four major league teams would be needed to have a league and he is hoping this will help even out the teams and make youth baseball more competitive in Lenoir County. Nick Harvey stated his only concern was the transportation issues for some of the kids. Merwyn Smith also has concerns about getting kids from one site to another. Sue Ellen Maddux questioned if the commission needed to hold an open forum meeting to discuss these changes with the parents and coaches and get their opinion. She also stated that she believes the worst thing we did was get away from the draft. Nick Harvey requested that Corey and his staff visit the schools to promote various sports. Corey stated that in his previous job the staff would visit the schools and start pickup games with the kids hoping to encourage kids to play recreation sports. The commission did not vote on this and stated they would discuss this at a later meeting.

Corey Povar informed the commission that the department will now be obtaining sponsors for the youth basketball jerseys. These will be standard jerseys with the sponsor logo on the front. He stated that he would like to promote continuity for all players in order for all participants to look the same at all sites.

Corey Povar updated the commission on the progress of the Joel Smith Memorial Disc Golf Course. Corey stated that Elite Land Management has cleared most of the site behind the Par 3 Golf Course and should be completed within the next two weeks. The cleared area will include natural walking paths with possible signage and an 18 hole disc golf course.

Chris Bradshaw stated that he recently had the opportunity to visit Mock Athletic Skills Facility and noticed the gym floor needed to be repaired or replaced. Corey informed him that the floor repair/replacement was being looked at for the future. It was recommended that the department check with Onslow County to see who replaced their gym floors.

Sue Ellen Maddux requested that the commission schedule a time to visit the various recreation sites in the city and the county. Corey stated that he would schedule a county visit and a city visit in the near future.

Nick Harvey thanked everyone on the commission for their support and wished Amanda

Sawyer well as the next Chair on the commission. Her term will begin at the January meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Debra A. Wicker

Secretary to the Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission