

Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 14th, 2018, 12pm, AAC

In attendance: Jeff Donaldson, Terry Maybin, Tommy Laughter, Ken Wise, Phillip Ellis, Jennifer Hensley, Katie Breckheimer, Scott Rhodes, Tricia King

Staff present: Carleen Dixon, Erin Hendrix, Tim Hopkin, and Brittany Williams

Meeting called to order at 12:04pm. Minutes taken by Erin Hendrix

Katie makes a motion to approve the minutes from July. Ken second to approve, all agree.

Public Input

Dennis Justice with Blue Ridge Pickleball would like to propose a 1.5 million-dollar pickleball facility similar to one that he visited in Georgia based on the participation of 170 pickleball players in the Athletics and Activities Center and the potential growth of the sport.

Joe Kline hosted a 2000 player pickleball tournament in Florida and would like a place to host tournaments in Henderson County.

Introduction of New Program Coordinator - Brittany Williams

Carleen introduces Brittany Williams as the department's new Program Coordinator. Brittany says that she is excited to join the team and that she has worked for Black Mountain's Parks and Recreation department for several years. She ran the senior center there and the special events section.

Security Systems at Etowah Park - Carleen Dixon

There have been two break-ins at Etowah Park's concessions in the last two weeks. There has not been much stolen there, just lots of damage and mess created. We have a

camera system on order and will hopefully have that installed sometime soon. Jeff asks if the camera system will alert someone if there is a break-in. Carleen responds that no, this system will not. The system will hopefully allow us to identify the perpetrators and keep them from breaking in again. We believe it is the same few people breaking in over and over. Terry asks if there are lights on the outside of the building. Yes, Carleen answers, there are motion sensitive lights on the building.

Turf Field Vendor Challenges - Erin Hendrix

There is a lot of interest in the turf field at the AAC. Recently, we have had people calling and asking if they could be a vendor at the turf field during soccer games. We do not currently have a policy for businesses or individuals to sell products on county property. However, there is a need for food and beverages during those games. We are looking for options and ideas for how best to have vendors at the turf field without creating responsibility for Parks and Recreation staff and also not placing an undue burden on the user groups of the turf field. We would like the AAC to be the pilot facility for a vendor policy. Scott asserts that it places the department in a precarious position if the vendors that are there are not inspected by the Health Department and someone gets sick. Phillip asks if a contract would alleviate the county's responsibility for food poisoning and other issues. Carleen answers that yes, we would include that in the verbiage if we went forward. Terry makes a motion to move ahead with a food truck policy for the Athletics and Activities Center as a way to regulate the vendors and Health Department guidelines and bring back to the advisory board for review. Jennifer seconds. All agree.

Goals and Planning for Fiscal Year 19

Carleen asks that the board break into three groups to try to set the top 5 goals for the Recreation Advisory Board. The goals should be SMART goals and goals that are not department-focused but rather goals for this group. After the groups decided on their individual goals, Carleen says that we will go over these at the next meeting.

Tournament Updates – Carleen Dixon

Carleen directs everyone to look at their packets for information on the potential economic impact from our recent tournaments.

BOC Approved Agreements - Carleen Dixon

The Board of Commissioners have signed off on an official shared-use agreement between the Recreation Department and the Public schools for their fields. We will work under a first right of refusal system. The other agreement is that we are sub-leasing the Blue Ridge Community College field to the schools. We do not have the funds to update and maintain that field and the schools need it for baseball locations for Middle School.

Member Comments:

Meeting called adjourned at: 1:10pm

Motions:

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