

Raleigh County Parks and Recreation Authority Board Meeting – July 16th, 2019

Present: Bill Calhoun

Steve Davis

Linda K. Epling

Ron Hedrick

Billy Michael

BJ Pritchard

Reverend Russell

Clyde Stepp

Dave Tolliver

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Molly Williams

Notes

Starting time: 11:00 a.m.

- Approval of Meeting Minutes – **Passed**

Fitzpatrick Fields

- Williams explains that there have been several complaints about the fields at Fitz
- Williams proposes that we buy a few truckloads of dirt with a clay mixture to fill the divots and holes (\$1300 per truck load), as well as training our staff on the proper ways to upkeep the fields
- Tolliver suggests that we get clay from CPI for now, until we can get what we really want/need
- The money will come out of the capital improvement funds
- Tolliver suggests that Bill Calhoun get a financial statement regarding the \$25000
- Michael states: if CPI delivers the dirt/clay that the price will double

- Tolliver affirms that it will be picked up by our staff and spread by Pritchard
- Michael estimates that with 17-18 tons per load, it will take 3 loads per field and at least 2 days to properly distribute and repair the fields
- **PASSED** – purchase of 9 loads and repair of fields

Reimbursement for Additional Expenses for New Bathroom/Ticket Booth

- Williams states that staff room is not completed – hands out price list for new bathroom and ticket booth
- A total amount of \$8689.68 fully completed the bathroom and ticket booth (came out of operating account - being reimbursed through capital improvement account)
- **PASSED** – Reimbursement

Campground Upgrade

- Tolliver asks about bidding on pedestals
- Davis suggests acquiring pedestals form one company and hiring work from another
- Michael states that the many complicated variables have factored into the delay
- Tolliver states that Williams, Pritchard, Davis, and Michael need to work together to determine the specific kind of pedestals necessary
- Williams states that the ones that light up are ideal and that they will work together to get everything planned

Monthly Review

Marsh Fork

- Picnic and Play at the Park there today (Tuesdays) for last week. Very good numbers.
- Bear

Dry Hill Prosperity

- Finally got a hold of the Boy Scout adult in charge. Not a leader wants to be the contact.
- Picnic and Play at the Park – not many kids if at all!
- Tolliver says it is a bad idea to do PnP@P if it was that unsuccessful this year.

Fitzpatrick

- Need dirt. (Previously covered)

4H Camp

- Water heaters and vanities (Molly is working on water heater project this week)
- Tolliver says to let him know the details and he will get it delivered.

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- Picnic and Play at the Park – Not many kids if at all
- Tolliver feels that it would also not be a good idea to hold PnP@P here next year due to the lack of success

Lake Stephens

- Gas pump fixed at the marina. Ended up being AEP's problem
- PnP@P on Wednesdays – does well
- Fireworks went very well. Lots of good feedback from the public (one rude comment on Facebook)
- Rec area (beach, splash pad, aqua park) have been busier during the week than in the past
- Dr. Pimple Popper show will be filming at the Splash Pad today around 4 pm.
- Bear – DNR said we have to get rid of all the trashcans or make them bear proof. The bear is getting braver and closer to people. It will not go in the trap. Even if it does another bear will find the park (and trash) as a food source
- Hedrick states that DNR no longer relocates bears, they euthanize them
- Williams presents info on local made bear proof trashcans
- Tolliver tells her to call and get prices

General Updates

- School starts on August 14th. We are already losing staff to college students and high school students putting in their 2-week notices. The school district controls the length of our tourism season

- Williams explains that closing for a few days during the week may be a good option
- Tolliver says to determine which days we will be closed and figure out when/which employees will be leaving

Fiscal Year Financial Report (Bill Calhoun)

- Total Checking/Savings as of June 30th, 2019: \$30,511.37
- No questions
- **PASSED** – Financial Report/Statement Approved