

Meeting Minutes

Raleigh County

Parks and Recreation Authority

July 21st, 2020

11:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Dave Tolliver, Ron Hedrick, Linda Epling, Carl Roop, Detlef Ulfres, Clyde Stepp, Molly Williams, BJ Pritchard, Bill Calhoun, Billy Michael, Gillian Cochran
3. Approval of June 16th, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Approved
4. New Business:
 - a. Financial Statement: There is approximately \$305,000 in the dam account, with \$11,000 reserved for the engineer cost. Financial Statement approved.
5. Old Business:

Park Monthly Review Williams provides a hard copy of the list of updates. The review is read aloud.

Dry Hill Prosperity: - Girl Scouts of Raleigh County have been utilizing the park for leader and troop meetings since social distancing can be achieved outside and sometimes inside.

Fitzpatrick: -Updates are coming along. Poles are up and will have lights on them soon. Drainage around fields 1-3 will be completed soon. Field 4 infield and outfield are still in progress but looking much better already.

Stoco: -Maintenance is flushing the septic system on Wednesday to find the issue.
-Mountaineer Youth Athletics were part of a vote by the entire league. There will be no football this season. It is likely the program will struggle to cover bills over the winter at Stoco Park.

Lake Stephens: - Aqua Park, Splash Pad, Beach have been at max capacity all weekends and some weekdays. We have implemented a session process for the aqua park. Each person gets 3 one-hour sessions when they purchase their pass for the day. When the sessions are full, we stop selling Aqua Park passes.
-The campground, marina, and winter (Kayak) launch have also been busy.

General

-We are celebrating Parks and Recreation Month by choosing an employee of the week and a park of the week. Employee of the week can be found on our Facebook and website. Park of the month is only on Facebook.

-We produced a commercial about boat safety that is on our YouTube, Facebook, and 59 news station.

-We have been getting footage with a drone, go pro, and other for a series of videos and commercials to promote Lake Stephens.

-We are hosting a one-day event with Game Time (playground company) for WV Recreation and Parks Association in Aug. All board members are welcome to attend.

-Covid is still affecting us greatly!

-Playgrounds – I have been working with a playground company. We have found the equipment with the energy features. We are now in the preliminary design stages to get a better idea on price, fundraising, and grants for the 3 projects.

-Disc Golf – Since the virus we have not been able to seek sponsorships as effectively. We are reevaluating the budget and potential sponsors to be able to keep moving forward.

-Audits – Perry and Associates are still working on the main audit. WV Sales and Use Tax have finished and sent us the report.

-Dam Emergency Plan – Charlie looked it over and it looks good. I just need to obtain all required signatures.

-Michael inquiries about the pipes near the tracks at Fitzpatrick Park. Tolliver states that there has, as of now, been no decision on that project. He states that the county will wait until the current drainage projects are complete, they will reevaluate.

6. Adjournment:

- a. The next meeting will be on August 18th, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. Adjourned.