

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 26, 2015

7:00 PM

Harrisburg Town Hall

Harrisburg, NC 28075

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Antonio Porretta Bob Yates
Jensen Caudle Van Jaynes
Michael Gallagher Linda Thurman

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Issacs
Eric Smallwood

Van Jaynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes from November 24, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion made by Linda Thurman, Seconded by Jensen Caudle.

OLD BUSINESS

- Reappointment of board members with expiring terms
 - Marcus King was reappointed. A motion was made by Antonio Porretta, seconded by Linda Thurman. Carried unanimously.
 - Van Jaynes was reappointed. A motion was made by Antonio Porretta, seconded by Linda Thurman. Carried unanimously.
 - Michael Gallagher was reappointed. A motion was made by Antonio Porretta, seconded by Bob Yates. Carried unanimously.
 - Carolina Thread Trail – Certain legislation may allow development of the Thread Trail by working directly with the HOA.

NEW BUSINESS

- Avanti Properties – Open space dedication or Fee in lieu.
 - In approximately 18 months, a new housing development will begin near the Mecklenburg County line with homes starting around \$425,000. In lieu of the open space required in Article 6 of the Unified Development Ordinance, Avanti Properties would like to use the option to pay a fee equal to approximately \$126,800.
 - A motion was made in recommendation of the approval of the Avanti Properties development based on the meeting of the criteria of Article 6 of the Unified Development Ordinance by Van Jaynes; seconded by Bob Yates. The motion carried unanimously.
- Co-Sponsorship Agreement (Youth Athletics) Changes
 - The Co-Sponsorship Agreement between Cabarrus County Active Living and the Town of Harrisburg Parks and Recreation Department gives Harrisburg first right to county owned fields and gyms. There are some new rules and changes to the agreement including that all teams must play countywide and the Town must now follow rules that are determined at the County level instead of at the Town level. These rules only apply to sports in their traditional seasons.
 - It is felt that the Town of Harrisburg has had great success forming and managing our own Youth Sports program and that the changes proposed in the new Co-sponsorship Agreement are not beneficial to our residents.

- A letter will be drafted by Eric Smallwood notifying the county of our dissatisfaction with the changes and that the Town of Harrisburg will not be participating in the Co-Sponsorship Agreement.
- Board Member Updates
 - A question was raised whether the restroom near the horseshoe pits at Harrisburg Park could be heated. They cannot be heated but additional Port-A-John's could be moved up there.
- Department Updates
 - A flier for most of the events throughout 2015 was sent in the January water bill.
 - Youth athletics have been very busy with Spring Sports signups underway.
- Manager Updates
 - Pedestrian Master Plan – a discussion was had with the board about updating a Master Plan for the pedestrian use around town. Items mentioned were the addition bicycle lanes as new neighborhoods came online, sidewalks, and greenways. Priority was placed on greenways connectivity and bicycle lanes that led to more rural, less trafficked roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments were made

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bob Yates, seconded by Antonio Porretta. Carried unanimously.

Marcus King

Jensen Caudle, Secretary