

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL PARKS & REC COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 16, 2013-7:00 PM

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

120 Potter Road, Monroe, NC 28110

Committee Members Present: Chair John Lepke, Jerry Davis, Julie Brown, Mike Como; Pat Utley, Marnie Holland

Committee Members Absent: alternate Gayla Adams

Others present: Mayor Brad Horvath, Council Liaison Elaine Rosoff, Village Clerk Cheryl Bennett

CALL TO ORDER / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present. Mayor Horvath recognized the committee's work, and repeated his commitment to get the park done. Regarding the possibility of doing the amphitheater, he plans to meet with Dominic Morlando on what was saved in the site work, and noted fees in lieu will be coming in, and can only be used for recreation projects, but don't come in until the final plat. John Lepke commented on the timing, the contractor is allowed weather days and additional days if they do the amphitheater, so it would delay completion another month. Mayor Horvath also noted changes in state law will affect our revenues; we should be held harmless, but we have experienced growth in some state shared revenues which we won't get going forward. Also going forward NC DOT will not maintain subdivision roads, so we are exploring options on that responsibility. Mayor Horvath left at this time.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Discussion of Eagle Scout Projects was added to the agenda; Julie Brown motioned to adopt the amended agenda. Jerry Davis seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Julie Brown motioned to approve the minutes; Marnie Holland seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REVIEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

John Lepke reported they are three weeks behind; the seat walls are done, and they are correcting the seat corners. The segmental retaining wall was moved to where there is a steep grade behind the stage. Grading elevation issues were resolved. The park is likely to open in April or May. Per David Glass you need two months after final seeding before you have much traffic on it; Jerry Davis agreed with this. John Lepke said he disagrees with the contractor on principle that we should get credits from savings on what the contractor did not have to do, while they feel it is a fixed price contract. Mr. Lepke estimates we will have \$17,508 left in contingency, and \$48,000 in credits for fill that was not used. Since the house was demolished we have less asphalt, and less silt fencing was used. The estimate for the amphitheater is \$29,841 plus \$32,000 for the roof. We still have a lot of mulch left; John Lepke estimated it would take a maximum of two days with machinery to move it at \$150 per hour.

PROGRESS PLANNING PARK GRAND OPENING EVENT

Mr. Lepke sent an email to the schools asking about busing citizens from parking to the park. He talked to the Cuthbertson band and they are willing to play at the grand opening event. He had a recording of a teenager in his development singing the National Anthem, and the Committee agreed to ask her to sing. Pat Utley gave a list of the events to Sondra Bradford from the Wesley Chapel Friends of Parks group, including geocaching and fishing. Mr. Lepke said Riley's Catch, NC Wildlife and a park neighbor Frank will participate, with Frank doing a safety class for anglers.

(Marnie Holland left at this time.)

NC Wildlife will provide rods and reels and do training programs. Riley's Catch kids will supervise the younger kids fishing. John Lepke will find out if state fishing licenses are required. The committee needs to gauge interest in places that might want to sell food at the event. Mike Como asked if we can bring a grill and sell or give out free donated hotdogs at the park event. Cheryl Bennett will check with the health department. A suggestion was to add a coupon to the flyer to cut down on people trashing the brochures. A suggestion came up on holding running events, and the entry fees could raise funds for the park.

John Lepke said we only have about 44 parking spaces at the park, there are 400 spaces at Southbrook which WCWAA also uses as overflow parking, and we might need minibuses. John will check with the schools about buses and parking, and Elaine Rosoff and Mike Como will check with Southbrook regarding parking.

The number of volunteers at the event and beforehand, and how many porta pots will be determined. Mike Como said he can donate the use of walkie talkies for the day. Julie Brown will contact CMC to see if they will provide an ambulance on site for the day or a first aid tent. The fire department will also be asked to be on site. Please send any comments on the brochure to Pat.

NEW BUSINESS

RECRUITING FOR OPEN P&R MEMBER POSITIONS

Mike Como resigned since he is now on Council, so there are two vacancies; urge interested people to sign up.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

There is a lot of Eagle Scout interest. The architect offered to donate the design of a bridge over a 24 inch creek, about six feet long. A boy scout might do the work. It was unsure if a permit is required. Other possible projects are extending the biking trail, and a biking/running trail. 3K and 5K runs could be planned using a variety of trails. Five picnic tables are ready to be donated from one Eagle Scout. One Scout designed and built benches and will share the design for uniformity. Working at the park is limited to weekend days with the prior approval of Council and outside the area of construction. There was a question whether the Scouts can put their troop name on donated tables.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

John Lepke reported at the volunteer day some people left because they didn't see anyone there and didn't realize people were working. We need someone to greet the volunteers. On Sunday a dozen teens worked on clearing for the dog park. Julie Brown is working on getting fencing; there might be some from the old swim club.

ADJOURNMENT

John Lepke motioned to adjourn; Julie Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

John Lepke, Chairman