

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL PARKS & REC COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 17, 2014-7:00 PM
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104

Committee Members Present: Chair John Lepke, Pat Utley, Julie Brown, Marnie Holland, and alternate Gayla Adams

Committee Members Absent: Jerry Davis

Others present: Council Liaisons Mike Como and Elaine Rosoff. Eagle Scout Bryan Griffin and Parent, Eagle Scout Bobby Olsen and Parent. Sondra Bradford WCFOPR. Chuck Adams.

CALL TO ORDER / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

John Lepke proposed amending the agenda to allow Eagle Scout project proposals first. Pat Utley motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Julie Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Pat Utley motioned to approve the minutes; Julie Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSALS

Eagle Scout candidate, Troop 99, Bryan Griffin presented proposal to install bat nesting boxes at the park. He presented designs and emphasized the benefit that bats reduce insect pests.

Eagle Scout candidate, Troop 99, Bobby Olsen presented proposal to install bird nesting boxes and benches along the unpaved walking trail.

The committee accepted the proposals and thanked the Eagle Scouts for their efforts to improve the park.

Mike Como informed the committee of other Eagle Scot projects in development: Brandon Turner (Benches), Bradley Evans (TBD). John Lepke also advised the committee that Eagle Scout Max Robbins is working on proposal for nesting boxes specifically designed for American Blue Birds, a species in decline in NC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REVIEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

John Lepke provided an up-date on construction progress.

PROGRESS PLANNING PARK GRAND OPENING EVENT

Pat Utley reported that making progress with other organizations is proving difficult without a firm date. Pat is developing a check list of the actions we will need to complete for the opening event.

Mike and Elaine will be meeting with representatives of Southbrook church to discuss parking arrangements.

Mike advised he has purchased Ammunition cans for Geocaching. Lepke to arrange specific coordinates identification for 8 spots at the park, four 'easy to find' spots for opening event and four harder spots for longer term.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING WCFOPR DONATIONS

Sondra Bradford proposed donating trash cans instead of the items already agreed. She suggested we consider things we need to open the park be set as priority. The committee agreed we should prioritize items with more immediate need.

Lepke suggested that the trash service provider might provide receptacles. Other committee members expressed concern about expensive trash cans being an easy target for vandalism. Chuck Adams suggested we consider trash can construction as a project for Eagle Scouts. The committee agreed and Chuck volunteered to research designs.

Since the electrical plan for the Amphitheater has been revised to include additional outlets the committee agreed that a generator and lights that WCFOPR had agreed to donate would be subordinated for a Rules sign.

Committee agreed spending WCFOPR funds on a rules sign would be important for park opening. Lepke agreed to provide Sondra with available design specifications so that cost can be investigated.

Mike Como advised Sondra that the proposed \$500 donation to assist Dogwood park development has been accepted. Sondra will deliver donation check in this amount to the village.

DISCUSSION REGARDING VOLUNTEER DATES

Park volunteer dates were set for March 22 and April 26. 10-2. Council liaisons were asked to request village announcement.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER DAY ACTIONS / SCHEDULE PRIOR TO OPENING EVENT

Wesley Chapel Friends of Parks offered to donate \$500 to remove the stumps at the dog park. Julie Brown said if we schedule more workdays she will get the needed helpers. The next step is for Council to approve the location, rules and the \$500 donation.

John Lepke noted we need someone to check people in for future workdays. On Saturdays people can park at Southbrook, but need to cross the road. This was tabled since the road is not yet in place. Marnie Holland suggested a list of tasks be provided to the scouts. We need to clean up around the pond and move mulch. One scout got approval to do bird boxes; Mr. Lepke referred him to research on bluebirds.

DISCUSSION OF OTHER ITEMS

Mike extended invitation to all committee members to attend a presentation by Mecklenburg County Parks & Rec director in Monroe.

Mike advised that Mineral Springs Fire Dept has donated some fire hose to be used to repair 'pinch-points' on fishing pier.

Mike advised availability of free telegraph poles for future park projects. Committee agreed these would be useful.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Brown motioned to adjourn; Marine Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

John Lepke, Chairman