

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL PARKS & REC COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 20, 2014-7:00 PM
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104

Committee Members Present: Chair Pat Utley, John Lepke, Jerry Davis (arrived late), Marnie Holland, Julie Brown

Committee Members Absent: Alternate Gayla Adams

Others present: Council Liaisons Mike Como and Elaine Rosoff, Clerk Cheryl Bennett, Stephanie Martone

CALL TO ORDER / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Items for “Grounds Maintenance Contract”, “Morlando to Fix Grass” and “Parks and Rec Leadership Structure” were added to the agenda. John Lepke motioned to approve the amended agenda, Julie Brown seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 MEETING

John Lepke motioned to approve the September 15, 2014 minutes; Julie Brown seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Conrad Sherland was not present.

The Youth Council 5k and “Winter Walk” events and how they relate to the adopted Park Use policy were briefly discussed. John Lepke motioned to recommend to Council that because Wesley Chapel Friends of Parks and Rec is known to us and the event is specifically to raise funds for the park, we should waive the fees for the event. Marnie Holland seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pat Utley motioned to approve the “Winter Walk” event. Julie Brown seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Collin Love presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to create a picnic area with table and grill at the park. John Lepke recommended approval of the project. Pat Utley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Davis arrived at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Emily Roth – Council approval for use of games
Council gave approval; Pat Utley will email her.

2. Park Projects

a. Completions

Dog Park – Mike Como reported the ramp for fish stocking is done; catfish have been stocked twice since July. Julie Brown suggested a fundraiser to sell worms.

b. Updates

i. Dog Park

Mike Como reported the project is half done; it has been slow due to lack of labor. Julie Brown will ask PetSmart for help. Marnie Holland left at this point. The Girl Scouts have been contacting PetSmart headquarters and local vets for donations. Discussion was held on what extent we want to advertise the dog park when it is done. Mike Como heard of Invisible Fence putting their name and number on bags and donating them free of charge.

ii. Geocaching

Pat will meet with Mike at the park to do four geo-caches, and then post them on the app. Julie Brown asked if there can be a fundraising table at the FOPR event.

iii. Volunteer days – next on Oct. 25 from 10 am to 2 pm

November volunteer days will be November 1 and 8.

iv. Tree replacements

Mike Como spoke to the landscaper; they will re-seed the majority of the park this week, and remove the 8 dead white oak trees and replace them with something similar. John Lepke suggested finding out what they plan to use and ask Carr's opinion. Cheryl Bennett noted the ordinance lists which trees are acceptable for screening.

v. Amenities survey

John Lepke said he hadn't had time to work on the survey. Please send any survey questions to him. Council is aware of the interest in a survey, but will have the ultimate decision; Julie Brown mentioned it at a Council meeting. Discussion was held on how to do the survey, and what it would cost. John Lepke said the hard part is entering the data.

vi. Scout projects (Collin Love, measuring trail distance, trail signs (plants)

Mike Como said another Scout was interested in extending the fencing, but he hadn't heard back from him. Another project is creating steps from the dam down the hill; Council approved it before Parks and Rec, he had thought it had gone to Parks and Rec. Pat Utley asked for him to have the Scout come do a presentation to Parks and Rec.

3. Use of parks by groups – discussed earlier

4. Monument sign

We are getting proposals on an informal quote basis.

5. Grounds maintenance contract

Mike Como noted we need to cut back the weekly grass mowing in November. John Lepke was concerned that we need to start applying fertilizer and pesticides. He had sent a document regarding grounds work needed at the park, which came from NC State technical specs. Julie Brown motioned to recommend to Council to get maintenance bids by December 31, 2014. Pat Utley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Morlando to fix grass – discussed earlier

NEW BUSINESS

1. Potential new committee member – Stephanie Martone

Stephanie Martone was introduced, she works with healthcare surveys. A committee application will be sent to her for her to fill out. John Lepke recommended Stephanie Martone be appointed to the Committee. Pat Utley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Wesley Chapel Friends of Parks and Rec – Christmas festival Dec. 6 (proceeds for amphitheater roof)

Elaine Rosoff noted the concept was approved by Council, more detail will be needed. The amphitheater roof design is done. Mike Como asked if we are set on the design, or open to alternatives. Consensus was a slightly different roof is okay.

3. Committee recommendation regarding Conrad Sherland

Elaine Rosoff explained Council heard two stories on the event; a letter requesting reimbursement was sent to Mr. Sherland. He had no malicious intent. Julie Brown said there were parallels between what happened to her and what Conrad reported. She suggested he be asked to do the red box program. Cheryl Bennett noted the redbox program was not funded in the budget. John Lepke said the act was not malicious, he tried to clean it up, and we would have had expense if we had not known who did it. Consensus was that he do something for the park that does not make him money and possibly waive the bill. Elaine Rosoff suggested Mike Como and Conrad Sherland get together and discuss the situation quietly. Pat Utley motioned that we waive the \$444 in lieu of community service, but we have to know what he can do and he needs to come back with a proposal. John Lepke seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Parks and Rec Leadership Structure – discussed at a previous meeting; we need more members.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS - none

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Utley motioned to adjourn; John Lepke seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Pat Utley, Chairman