

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

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Pat Utley, John Lepke, Julie Brown  
**Committee Members Absent:** Marnie Holland, Jerry Davis, Alternate Gayla Adams  
**Others present:** Council Liaisons Mike Como and Elaine Rosoff, Clerk Cheryl Bennett, Deputy Wicker, Ron Goodall, Conrad Sherland

**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**

An item for "Parks and Rec Leadership and Structure" was added to the agenda, and also a second Eagle Scout project. John Lepke motioned to approve the amended agenda, Julie Brown seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 20, 2014 MEETING**

Julie Brown motioned to approve the October 20, 2014 minutes; John Lepke seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ron Goodall from Riley's Catch spoke regarding ideas to have high school students do water quality testing at the lake at the park as a way to get students engaged and develop more student leadership. He had talked to a teacher and the marine biology club at the school. John Lepke offered to mentor them, and direct them toward resources. There are a couple of basic things they could monitor cheaply, and could post results on the park sign. An example is nitrogen content which is important to fish life. This could also be done at other schools, and we shared information on our Youth Council Committee opportunities.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Committee recommendation regarding Conrad Sherland

Conrad Sherland said he was working with Council Member Kenary on a course for the Youth Council 5K race. Julie Brown said she had been working with him about the redbox program. Pat Utley motioned to approve Mr. Sherland working on the 5K race and future redbox programs and accept that in lieu of payment of the invoice we had sent him. John Lepke seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on Christmas in the Park – put up decorations in advance? Carriage rides?

Council Liaison Rosoff reported FOPR wants to have a horse drawn carriage at the event. John Lepke suggested asking park architect Carr Mumford if a horse and carriage would damage the trail. Mr. Lepke also noted we have a park rule of no horses allowed; committee consensus was to allow this exception. Questions came up on the carriage route, where it

would turn around, and how interaction with music and dogs would be. Concerns will be taken to Council.

### 3. Eagle Scout Tanner proposal on fences

Tanner Kenison built two split rail fences at the park, along Hwy 84, and within the park, on Saturday from 7 am to noon. Since his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday is next week, he had to get the project done before then.

Council Liaison Mike Como shared Kyle Hrenyo's poster of a proposed timber staircase at the park. Parks and Rec did not want the staircase up the middle of the hill, and preferred it be closer to the woods. Mike Como said it would be more expensive, since it would be a longer distance. If there were 10 more timbers, it might be an additional \$200, so would the town or FOPR purchase them?

The dog park will be a soft opening, we also need the waste stations and signs up with dog park rules. The clerk will check with garbage companies and public health about whether we need to contain the waste at the waste stations.

Mike Como said Iron Works volunteered to cut down the gates for the dog park, we will send a letter of thanks.

Mike Como said we had \$1,500 budgeted for dog waste stations and we are getting a veterinarian donation and a citizen also gave him a \$120 donation. He will only get the sign and dispenser, not the post or pet waste receptacle. Pat Utley said in her neighborhood you can't put the waste in the trash cans. Mike Como said we want to have four stations, two in the dog park, one at the parking, and one at the footbridge. Julie Brown asked if we have looked into not having the receptacles: Mike said he had. Julie Brown said decisions are being made before it comes to Parks and Rec, like with the timber staircase.

### 4. Monument sign

Council Liaison Elaine Rosoff discussed the monument sign. Specs were used from the park plans. Council wants the sign to serve two purposes, as a welcome to Wesley Chapel and to identify the park. The first bid resulted in only one response, and it was very expensive. We put it out again, and a question came up on the trim on the Town Hall sign, but that is not how the sign is designed in the specs. Mike Como said Council Member Kenary asked if the park sign should mirror the town hall sign or not. John Lepke said we have been through this; the sign was defined in the blueprints. If there is only one sign at the corner, the committee consensus is it be the same theme as the town hall sign, but not identical. .

### 5. Update on park projects

Mike Como asked about priorities for projects. Julie Brown suggested a community survey; John Lepke agreed we should go to the community and give an idea of the costs and ask where a playground should be located. Another factor is parking for amenities, as well as would additional parking be needed at the town hall if the playground is put there. Mike Como suggested a survey with maybe 40 questions, 10 questions for each committee. John Lepke noted all the items are big ticket items, and we don't have a lot of cash, and we may want to ask for a PARTF grant, so there is no rush, but we do need community input.

Mike Como said the brick that broke off at the seating wall in the park has been fixed. A 4 x 4 truck has been cutting through, so a boulder will be placed to stop that. A portable split rail fence was started near the steep slope at the bike trail.

6. Parks and Rec Leadership and Structure

Julie Brown asked this be tabled, she wanted all members present, and has also been talking to the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Park sign – follow up / suggestions from Jeannine Kenary  
Discussed earlier.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS - none

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed unanimously.  
The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

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Pat Utley, Chairman