

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104

Committee Members Present: Chair John Lepke, Vice-Chair, Pat Utley, Julie Brown, Pam King, Wayne Todd,
Council Liaison: Mike Como
Committee Members Absent: Jerry Davis, Elaine Rosoff

Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

None.

Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Utley motioned to adopt the agenda, Ms. Brown seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes from 04/24/2018 Special Meeting

Mr. Todd made a motion to approve the April 24, 2018 minutes; Ms. Brown seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Review Council Feedback on Budget Request

Council approved the Parks and Recreation Committee's 2018/2019 budget request except for the pond dredging request. They did approve \$500 to obtain a full water analysis in order to determine copper levels in addition to ph and other mineral values. Chair Lepke will take two, one-liter samples at the park pond - one at the source and one at the exit of the pond. The analysis for the water test results should take about a week. If the copper levels are too high, Council will reconsider the committee's request to pay to dredge the pond.

Council agreed to re-bid the contract for the pond maintenance, and the Committee has recommended the Village select a different contractor this time.

Council approved re-bidding the original band shell design for the Park amphitheater. The bids should be in by June 11.

An expert needs to be involved for the permitting and to check on the contractor's work. Council exempted themselves to have to bid this work out and decided to set aside up to \$7500 to hire Troy Littman, architect, to oversee these jobs.

Council approved the Committee's budget request for five Park events in 2018/2019. The Committee needs to step up with volunteering in order to recruit school musical groups to perform at the December event. Ms. Utley agreed to coordinate this activity.

Irrigation RFQs will also be sent out. The Park will be irrigated with water from the pond, and bids should be in by June 11.

Chair Lepke provided the specifications on the amphitheater light and sound system earlier today (May 15) to the Village Clerk. These specs will be sent out for bid.

The electrical bids for upgrades at the park to accommodate the flagpole, the stage and the irrigation system should be in by the end of the week. Council Liaison Como will send committee members an email with the quotes. Council has approved up to \$11,000 for this work.

Discuss Content for the Public Information Sessions.

The next PARTF grant deadline is in February 2019, and the Parks and Recreation Committee would like the Village to submit an application. Working backwards from this deadline, the committee would like to schedule two or three public information sessions - the first one in August 2018. Chair Lepke asked the committee to begin thinking of ideas, gathering photos and information, and obtaining cost estimates to use in these sessions.

New Business

Bat Box

Chair Lepke was contacted by a local Girl Scout leader. Some of the scouts are working towards their Bronze Award and are interested in building some bat boxes and installing them in Dogwood Park. The Committee discussed the current locations of two bat boxes and possible locations for the additional boxes. All agreed this was a worthwhile project for the Park.

Youth Council Wall for Butterfly Garden

A Youth Council representative had asked about building a low wall for the Rotary's Butterfly Garden as a service project for Dogwood Park. Chair Lepke was expecting them at this meeting and to speak in public comments, but no one came. Mr. Lepke sent some photos and information to the Youth Council Chair as an example of what the wall could look like. He contacted a member of the Rotary Club and was told the club would be fine with this garden wall.

Dog Park Incident

There was an incident at Dogwood Park's dog park where a pit bull bit another dog and a person. The lady who was bitten wants either the Parks and Recreation Committee or Council to send a letter to the owner of the pit bull stating that they cannot come back to the dog park. A discussion ensued. Chair Lepke made a motion to recommend that Council send a letter to the pit bull owner citing the incident and reminding the owner of the dog park rules and behavior expectations. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda for Next Meeting and Committee Comments

During comments, it was determined that at least three committee members will not be able to make the regularly scheduled June 19th meeting. The committee plans on reviewing the bids that are in and received at the June meeting. Ms. King moved to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on June 19 and schedule a special meeting on June 12; Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lepke will ask the Village Clerk, Cheryl Bennett, to send all of the specs and bids to committee members prior to the June 12 meeting for review. Mr. Lepke asked that committee members forward suggested agenda items to him.

Adjournment

Mr. Todd motioned for adjournment, and Chair Lepke seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Lepke, Chairperson