

**VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
November 20, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.  
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104

**Committee Members Present:** Chair John Lepke, Vice-Chair Pat Utley, Julie Brown, Wayne Todd

**Council Liaison:** Mike Como

**Committee Members Absent:** Adam Brown, Jerry Davis, Pam King, Alternate Elaine Rosoff

**Others Present:** Guests: Jeff Barbour; J.C. Luke, Captain, Operations Union County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Brandon Wicker

**Call to Order/Determination of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 pm. A quorum was present.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Utley motioned to accept the agenda. Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Band Shell Update Selection of Materials**

Liaison Como reported that the construction of the shell is underway.

Chair Lepke displayed a number of roofing materials of varying patterns and colors as provided by the approved vendor. It was agreed that the green "Slate" color roofing material would match best with the park's natural environment. Mr. Todd motioned to accept the "Slate" color asphalt shingle type. Ms. Utley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Safety Recommendations for Music Festival at Dogwood Park**

The Parks and Recreation Committee were joined by J.C. Luke, Captain, Operations Union County Sheriff's Department who provided the following public safety recommendations for future music festivals.

- If alcohol is served, a minimum of 10 deputies would be required.
- Illumination of walkways by way of a light tower should be provided for safety at night.
- Portable restrooms should be provided within the event area to eliminate patrons from leaving the area with alcohol.

### **November 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Update**

Chair Lepke reported Council approved everything except the turf remediation at a cost of \$5,700, opting to see how the regular service performs in the spring. Liaison Como reported aeration and seeding was completed and that grass is now growing in previously bare spots of the park.

### **DOT Funds Update**

Chair Lepke summarized the issue. The attorney is reviewing and will provide interpretation regarding the construction easement. The opinion of the attorney shall be provided before deciding whether or not to take action.

### **Committee Membership, Non-Residents Update**

Per the motion on October 16<sup>th</sup>, the request to consider an exception to Village rule requiring residency for the Parks & Recreation Committee was approved by council. The non-resident members are limited to being residents of neighboring communities and only two non-residents may be on the committee at any given time.

### **Organized Sports Use at Dogwood Park**

A letter with a copy of the rules, along with a copy of the park rental agreement to the organizer was sent. No response was received and evidence of organized sports activity continues.

### **Fall Bash Wrap Up / Report**

Chair Lepke reported that the Fall Bash was a successful event with many volunteers.

### **WCFOPR Foundation Donation Update**

WCFOPR was not in attendance to provide an update. The item was deferred until next month.

### **Update on Irrigation System and Electrical Upgrades**

Liaison Como reported the system is finished and all electrical work is complete.

### **Volunteer Workday Projects/Schedule**

Chair Lepke reported it is a good time of year to schedule volunteer projects. The consensus of the committee was to schedule a volunteer day prior to Easter weekend 2019.

### **PARTF Grant Application Process**

A PARTF representative will visit the park on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM and committee members are encouraged to attend. The remainder of this discussion topic was deferred until next month.

### **Pond Maintenance Update**

Chair Lepke reported that the current individual responsible for pond maintenance does not have the proper certification to perform the application of chemicals. Liaison Como reported that the individual will either obtain the proper certification or hire someone who has it in order to complete the work as outlined in the contract.

### **Park Signs**

Chair Lepke reported that the artwork for the main/rules sign is complete and awaiting approval.

### **Gate Repairs/Replacement Update**

Liaison Como reported that the replacement of the gate is underway and should be completed shortly after Thanksgiving.

### **Fishing Pier Repairs/Restocking Update**

Chair Lepke reported that the restocking of 600 catfish was completed and approximately 50 bluegill were also stocked. Additionally, an application for a grass carp permit has been submitted.

### **Concrete Parking Stops Replacement Update**

Liaison Como reported that the concrete parking stops will be installed after Thanksgiving under an individual bill/payment.

### **2019 Dogwood Park Events**

The date for the Easter event is set. The date for 'Pig in the Park' event is also set. A date for the first big music event at the park could be held in September 2019. The music will be organized by a subcommittee lead by Julie Brown. A holiday event such as "Carols, Coco, and Carriage Rides" should also be scheduled for 2019.

### **Other Items**

Liaison Como commented that winterization of the water standpipe is something that will need to be completed soon.

Chair Lepke proposed two locations for a playground, (A) off the path further back in the woods or (B) along an existing path. Additionally, pros and cons were provided for each location. The consensus was that while an estimate can be obtained for both locations, the preference is the location further back in the woods (A). The committee was also in agreement that neutral, natural colors which blend into the park environment are preferable to bright colors that will stand out.

Liaison Como recommended a request to council to create a new, more professional looking map of the park. Mr. Lepke made a motion to request a new map from council. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

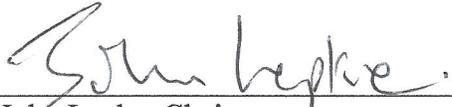
**Agenda for Next Meeting**

Items noted for the next meeting are (1) WCFOPR Fountain Donation Update, (2) Volunteer Workday Schedule, (3) Update on Timeline/Action List for PARTF application

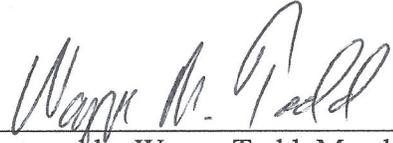
**Adjournment**

Mr. Lepke motioned to adjourn. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.



John Lepke, Chairperson



Prepared by Wayne Todd, Member