

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104

Committee Members Present: Chair John Lepke, Julie Brown, Wayne Todd, Julie Gordon Thomas, Alternate Pamela King

Council Liaison: Mike Como

Committee Members Absent: Vice-Chair Pat Utley, Adam Brown, Jerry Davis, Alternate Brian Martin

Others Present: Guests: Jeff Barbour

Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. A quorum was present.

Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of Agenda

Chair Lepke asked for any additions and/or deletions. There were none. Mr. Todd motioned to adopt the agenda. Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Brown motioned to approve the minutes from July 16th. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

August 12th Council Meeting Update

Chair Lepke reported that he presented the Rock N Roller event survey results to Council in addition to reading an email received from the Smokin' Gunn's band. Council voted to approve Ms. King's request to move into an alternate committee position and to move Ms. Thomas into the regular committee slot.

Sponsorship Policy Review & Discussion

After a brief discussion of some of the possible scenarios and requests that might occur, Chair Lepke asked the committee members to review the draft policy to that it may either be amended or approved as already edited before being sent to Council for approval. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

NC Recreation & Park Association - Membership

During July's meeting, the committee moved to become a member of this association. However, it has since been learned that the membership is not free. Liaison Como is currently an individual member of the organization. He said that he could pass along important information to the

committee. Chair Lepke motioned to rescind the prior month's motion to join the association, since it was learned that membership was not free. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Courtyards at Wesley Chapel Vendor Fair, August 30th

Epcon's Courtyards at Wesley Chapel asked the Committee if we would like to participate in their Get to Know your Community Partners and Vendors Event, Friday, August 30th. It will be held in their clubhouse from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Chair Lepke said he would try to attend or at least to put something out on the table about Dogwood Park and volunteering.

Volunteer Workday Projects/Schedule

A scout will be working on his Eagle project in late August. He will be extending the fence along the neighboring properties. Liaison Como said that Council had approved renting a bobcat during this time and asked for volunteers in order to work on other projects while it was available at the park.

FACILITIES

WCFOPR Fountain Donation Update

A plumber has been found who can install the donated fountain. Chair Lepke will obtain the specifications from Sondra Bradford (of WCFOPR) to provide to the plumber.

EVENTS

2019 Dogwood Park Events

July 27th Rock N Roller Post-Event Wrap up and Survey Results

The Committee agreed that the first music and car show event had been a success. The kid's photo-op booth worked very well and was featured in an article in the Tri-W newspaper coverage. Survey results were reviewed and showed attendees would prefer an evening music event where beer and wine are served. The top five preferred music types were: rock and roll (80% of respondents), country, bluegrass, hard rock, and top 40 pop (30%).

Areas to improve included boosting attendance, holding the event during cooler weather, stepping up social media communication, and obtaining more volunteers.

Car show discussion centered around whether or not to charge a registration fee in the future.

September 7th Fall Music Festival Update

After a brief discussion, it was determined that there is not enough time to pull a music event together for September 7th. A date of November 2nd was selected as a possibility for the event. It will be cooler then and will give the Committee time to research obtaining an ABC permit. "Bonfire, Brews & Boogie" was agreed upon as a title for the event. It was determined that there

were three possible directions to take with the music event. One, hold the event and find a way to sell beer and wine. Two, hold the event with the option of attendees bringing their own brews. And, three, hold the event with no alcohol. In order to allow plenty of time for set up and tear down, two bands with an event time of 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. was discussed. Ms. Brown has a contact with the Rotary who obtained and worked the Monroe Music on Main event. Chair Lepke said that he would reach out to her contact for information.

October 26th Fall Bash

Fall Bash planning is coming along. Their next meeting is Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. at 201 Central. The committee will need to assist WCFOPR with this event which will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Other Items

Liaison Como will begin checking on getting Dogwood's parking lot resurfaced. The cost is likely to be around \$10,000 and three quotes will be needed.

Later in August, PARTF will announce the successful grantees from this year's submissions. If we receive the grant money we requested, we will need to get going on the playground. Brian Martin has said he will lead this project.

Agenda For Next Month

The Sponsorship Policy needs addressed at the next meeting. Other agenda items include developing specifications for park beautification, event barricades, park cameras, and designing a survey for our citizens.

Adjournment

Ms. Gordon motioned for adjournment, and Mr. Todd seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:47 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Lepke, Chairperson

Prepared by Pamela King
Committee Member