



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Minutes of February 11, 2019

Present: Jerry Archie, Robert Davis, Gloria Halstead, Marshall Newsome, Gary Ollis, Brian Petty, Don Scarborough,

Absent: Todd Nifong, Ed Price, Bryon Stricklin

Staff: Adriene Heffner, Julie Luecht, Colten Marble, Sunny Mode, Paige Mone, Tracy Pegram, Chris Riewe, Thomas Roehm, Dennis Salgado, Greg Warren



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission was called to order at 5:31p.m. on Monday, February 11. Marshall Newsome welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of January 14, 2019 Minutes

Minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Gary Ollis made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Robert Davis seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Tracy Pegram introduced Park Ranger Chris Riewe. Ranger Riewe discussed opiate abuse in the city and a specific incident involving a citizen contemplating suicide on October 22, 2018. During the incident, Ranger Greg Warren went to check on the citizen, comforted him and talked him out of committing the act and de-escalated the entire situation. Ranger Warren also assisted in finding the citizen some help and support. For his efforts, Ranger Warren was presented a Certificate of Excellence from the Park Ranger Institute.

Park Ranger Sunny Mode spoke briefly and presented Ranger Riewe with the Park Ranger Supervisor of the Year award from the Park Ranger Institute.

Tracy Pegram called upon Julie Luecht to announce that Julie had earned her Certified Parks and Recreation Professional designation.

Paige Mone introduced the Rah Rahs. The Rah Rahs are the department's senior cheerleading squad, ranging in age from 50 to 78 years old. They compete in the Senior Games with their part cheer and part dance routines. The cheerleaders did a demonstration and presented several of their routines.

Tracy Pegram introduced Claire Robinson of the LEAP (Literacy Empowers All People) program. Ms. Robinson discussed how the program helps children who are struggling in school by assisting with academics, leadership skills, and personal development. She described how LEAP helps by tutoring, providing meals, and encouragement. Adult programs include GED, ESL and job readiness courses. The LEAP program is supported by grants, corporate, and individual donations. Ms. Robinson thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for allowing the LEAP program to use the facility at Southside Recreation.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting officially adjourned at 6:11pm.

Next Meeting:

The next High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the P&R Administration Office, 136 Northpoint Avenue.

Submitted by: Adriene Heffner | Reviewed by: Tracy Pegram | Approved by: Tracy Pegram