



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Minutes of January 13, 2020

Present: Brian Petty, Monica Peters, Ed Price, Marshall Newsome, Gloria Halstead, Gary Ollis

Absent: Jerry Archie, Bryon Stricklin, Robert Davis

Staff: Lee Tillery, Tracy Pegram, Eugene Coleman, Randy Little, Adriene Heffner



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13th. Marshall Newsome welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for being on time.

Approval of December 2019 Minutes

Minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Gloria Halstead made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Gary Ollis seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lee Tillery welcomed everyone to the meeting. He briefly mentioned the KaBOOM! Sport Court installation project at the Southside Recreation Center and turned the meeting over to Tracy Pegram for a slide show.

Tracy Pegram presented a slide show with photos from the sport court installation and several other completed maintenance projects at Southside Recreation Center. She showed photos of before and after the court installation, fitness room painting, the repainting and refreshing of the sidewalk games, group assembly of sport nets and bike racks, work on the community garden, and shelf assembly at the food pantry.

New Business

Lee Tillery discussed the progress of several projects including a new Watershed Restoration Plan for the city. This plan will address the streams, rivers and lakes, conservation and ways to manage flooding and other water related concerns. Lee mentioned that the new playground at

Deep River donated by the Declan Donoghue Foundation should have a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening on March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

The inclusive playground funded by the Kiwanis at Washington Terrace Park should have a ceremony and grand opening on May 16 with times to be announced. Lee also mentioned that the new sport court at Southside is the biggest KaBOOM! Sport Court in the country so far and its total value is estimated at \$110,000. Lee mentioned that the floating dock at Festival Park which was appropriated by the Convention and Visitors Bureau should be installed in the next few months depending on the weather. He also commented that there are many great partners in the community and that he is excited about these new projects.

Staff Reports

Director's Report: Lee Tillery thanked Tracy Pegram for pulling together the information and producing the comprehensive annual report that was distributed to Commissioners. Lee also mentioned that the General Obligations Bonds approved by the citizens give the department money to move forward on several projects, but the planning process is lengthy and design work for things such as the new Senior Center and City Lake Park upgrades take time.

Parks and Maintenance: Eugene Coleman said that the KaBOOM! Sport Court installation was exciting, and he was grateful to be a part of it all. Regarding the Declan Donoghue playground, Eugene mentioned that his department is trying to be proactive and to take care of related maintenance prior to the playground installation such as painted the shelter. Eugene also discussed the automatic door locks that were placed on the park restroom doors at the Miracle League and track locations. These locks help save man hours and they are planning on installing similar locks at nine other locations.

Recreation: Randy Little thanked Eugene Coleman and his staff for helping to make the improvements at the Southside Recreation Center. The work that was done makes it a cleaner and healthier space for everyone. Randy also commended the Rah Rahs Cheerleaders on their exhibition at High Point University. He said their performance was excellent and that they really inspired the crowd.

Questions and Comments

Marshall Newsome commented that there was an exceptional turnout of volunteers at the KaBOOM! Sport Court installation and that it was very exciting to see so many people involved in the project and willing to help.

Marshall commented and thanked Ed Price for the bicycle giveaway that took place last month.

Monica Peters asked about who uses the cross-country course at West End Park. Lee Tillery responded saying that students at High Point Christian Academy use it frequently. Eugene Coleman added that Todd Nifong was involved in the project and that there is a map of the trail at the edge of the field.

Ed Price asked if the park rangers patrol at the Council Street Park in the mornings. He has seen children there who may be skipping school. Lee Tillery responded saying that the Park Rangers do patrol there but their shifts are normally in the afternoon and evenings. Lee said he will ask Chris Riewe if they can stop by the area earlier in the day.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting officially adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting will take place on Monday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Office at 136 Northpoint Avenue.

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