

City of Newton – Recreation Commission

Minutes from September 10, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Recreation Chairman John Stiver

Members in attendance:

John Stiver, Marshall Pratt, Terry Abernethy, Mickie Drum, Kyle Smith, David Shugart, Bill Lutz and Sandra Waters.

Visitor:

City Attorney, John Cilley, City Manager, Todd Clark and Assistant City Manager Sean Hovis.

A. Approval of Minutes

Commission member Terry Abernethy moved for the Commission to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, September 10th regular meeting, seconded by Commission member Mickie Drum, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Chairman John Stiver welcomed everyone and introduced City Attorney, John Cilley, City Manager, Todd Clark and Assistant City Manager Sean Hovis to the Commission.

C. 1.2 Million Donation

John Cilley, City of Newton Attorney gave a thorough explanation of the 1.2 million dollar donation left by Lilian Sewell Jones estate in her last will & testament. City Manager, Todd Clark told the commission it was their responsibility to decide how the money should be spent; and suggested the commission look at the funds and make suggestions at a upcoming city council meeting.

The commission talked about lighting the two softball fields at Jacob Fork Park, upgrading the playgrounds in parks, air conditioning in the (2) recreation gyms, adding a stage in Yount Park, installing a disc golf course, a bike pump track at Jacob Fork Park and a spray ground.

D. Recreation Commission Goals

The Commission reviewed their goals & objectives submitted to the Director and after a brief discussion, goals were unanimously approved.

E. Swimming Pool Report

Director gave out a written report on the 2013 swimming pool revenues, public swim and daycamp attendance, etc.

F. Activities Report

The Director gave a report on activities for the month of September. The following programs were discussed; Catawba County Hornets football games @ Westside/Jaycee Park; gave out the JV and Varsity football schedules, talked about upcoming cross country track meets, Catawba County Council on Aging is sponsoring an AARP Drivers Safety Course and Flu Shot Clinics, upcoming CVCC classes being held on the lower level of the recreation department Needle Fun, Quilting and Beginning Shag.

The Director thanked Commission members for their help during the 5K Run/Walk and 30-60-100 Century Bike Ride. The department reunion events did very well, Senior Citizens Dance had 75 participants, Cornhole Tournament had 12 teams, the Horseshoe Tournament had 8 teams, Pet Mania had 35 pets register, 5k Run/Walk and One-Mile Fun Run had 412 runners and the 30-60-100 Century Bike Ride had 179 riders.

G. Next meeting : Tuesday, October 8, 2013

H. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.