

CITY OF NEWTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
May 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Newton, North Carolina was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Newton Recreation Center.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kyle Smith, Chairman
Terry Abernethy, Vice-Chairman
Frances Inscoe
David Shugart
Marshall Pratt

Commission Members Absent:

Mickie Drum
John Stiver, City Representative

Staff Present:

Carol Stiles, Assistant Recreation Director

Visitor:

Bradley Van Horn, Doing his Recreational Internship through East Carolina University

Recording Secretary:

Marcia L. Winkler

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Kyle Smith welcomed the commission and called the meeting to order.

- II. Commission member Terry Abernethy moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, May 13th regular meeting, seconded by Commission member Frances Inscoe, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Old Business

Swimming Pool - Assistant Director Carol Stiles told the commission that the swimming pool had been inspected and will open Saturday, June 14th.

Northside Park Playground Equipment - Assistant Director Carol Stiles told the commission that the playground equipment had been ordered and hope it will arrive the first of June.

Canoe Outtake – The canoe outtake at Jacob Fork Park above the damn has to be moved 50 yards away from the damn. Eagle Scout Spencer Jarrett Troop #238 is working on building a new canoe launch before the damn.

Activities Report – Carolina Thread Trail sponsored the National Trail Day, Saturday, June 7th. Volunteers constructed a multi-purpose trail beginning at Carillion Retirement Home and will go behind the CVS; July is NRPA Park and Recreation Month with “OUT is IN” logo, the department is sponsoring Dive-In Movie at the swimming pool; Carolina Select Volleyball Camp; Movies in the Park at Southside Park, Catawba County Hornets Football Games and Catawba County Hornets Football Skills Clinic for youth 4 – 12 years old at Westside/Jaycee Park, Football Physicals at the Newton Recreation Department and Motorcycle, Truck & Car Show at Southside Park.

IV. New Business

Pump Track at Jacob Fork Park – Woody Keene is developing a Pump Track at Jacob Fork Park; dirt that was removed from the new Fire Department is being used to build the Pump Track. Commission member David Shugart asked if a fence could be added around the pump track – possible donations could help to build a fence in the future.

Disc Golf Course – Carol Stiles, Assistant Recreation Director said she had received donated money to help purchase disc golf baskets; also the city is helping to clear off land for the Disc Golf Course.

Soldiers Reunion Events – List of the 2013 Soldiers Reunion 5K Run/Walk volunteers was given out to the commission members, members were asked if they will volunteers again this year for the 25th Soldiers Reunion 5K Run/Walk.

Disc Golf Layout – Presented in January 2014, Ms. Stiles gave out a handout and talked to the commission about building a Disc Golf Course at Jacob Fork Park with funds from the Sue Jones Estate. The course will utilize every aspect of the park where no one is using.

VII. Adjournment

Commission Member Terry Abernethy moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Carol Stiles, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director