

**Fayette County Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**June 13th, 2017**  
**Kiwanis Park Activities House**

**Present:**

Charles McCollum (presided)  
Nancy Holland  
Bradley Klinger  
Lisa Mahaffey

**Absent:** Terrence Williamson

**Fayette County Recreation Department:**

Anita Godbee, Director

**Guests:** Ms. Megan Gradek, Peachtree City Rowing Club President

**Welcome, Invocation and Pledge led by Charles McCollum**

Minutes: Lisa Mahaffey made a motion to approve the May 2017 minutes. Bradley King 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0 (One abstention).

**New Business:**

Out of Courtesy for Ms. Gradek, Mr. McCollum asked Ms. Gradek to begin first. Regarding the Rowing Club, it has been suggested that safety plans will be brought to the table after recent incident. A safety report has not been filed.

There is a free online course with the GA Boating Association for rowers and exams are to be completed by 21st of June. A life guard will evaluate rowers to make sure they can swim. Rowers will follow US safety protocol and be required to watch a safety video in the fall and and spring.

The comprehensive plan for PTC Rowing Club would need to be kept at Lake McIntosh and a copy is to be given to the Park and Recreation Department.

PTC Rowing Club has a log book which notes traffic patterns of where you cannot row, inclement weather, etc. along with coaches being required to wear a kill switch. The Marshall will come to check on safety plan to make sure it is in place. Not having lightning proof structures is a concern.

Steve Rapson is suggesting a rail system to push the newer larger boat in and out the water. The launches now do not have room for 8. They would like to get larger launch boats. Charles suggested the larger inflatable Zodiac's they hold many and the bottom is not hard and has benches. Used with Sheriff's Dept. diving team. They would like to upgrade two mini launches that fit two people.

It has been suggested to practice rescues with a launch driver as part of Safety Certification. Prior to doing rescues, notify Anita so she can get approval. 911 will also need to be notified.

Would like to see buoy's or a rope along the damn as a "last ditch effort" because a boat can go over the edge. They need to be brought in closer to the lake.  
Currently the PTC Rowing Club is Interviewing 2 candidates for rowing coaches.  
Corporate donations are appreciated. They are a 5013c.  
PTC Rowing Club is on Facebook and has a Website.

### **Old Business:**

Minutes approved. It has been noted to make a change to previous minutes if there is a problem at the fields, call 911 rather than 461-HELP.

### **Hall of Fame:**

First thing to do is create a 4-5 person committee organized through the Recreation Department. Committee can be organized in the fall. Charles offered to be the Recreation Representative. Charles suggested contacting Mr. Warr at Fayette County High School to see how their program works and it is important that we do not repeat what they do. Board should start thinking about creating Guidelines for next meeting.

**Balloons over Fayette:** Saturday 3pm-10pm, Sunday is rain date.  
Need volunteers and people can go to website to sign up to volunteer. Maps of where to park are also located on the website.

### **Staff Reports:**

Transportation Committee is looking for a target group for the SPLOST to look at multi- use paths. Charles will be the Recreation Department Representative.  
It's a stakeholder group for needs assessment where the county is trying to fill gap in between for connectivity.

Group that cleans ("Water Guardians") the reservoirs look into sending thank you note. Anita said she'd draft one up and have Charles sign it.  
Safety plans: Ask all organizations to send Anita the plans. By the President's meeting in January all safety plans need to be in place.

### **BOARD REPORTS:**

NONE

Adjournment: 7:45pm

Lisa motion to adjourn, Bradley seconded. All in favor 4-0.