

Fayette County Recreation Commission Meeting  
March 14, 2017

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

Present:

Charles McCollum (presided)  
Bradley Klinger  
Lisa Mahaffey  
Terrence Williamson

Anita Godbee, Fayette County Recreation

Guest:

Nicole Nichols  
Gary Johnson – Basketball Association President

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

**Minutes:** Bradley Klinger made a motion to accept the January 2017 minutes. Charles McCollum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0 (Terrence Williamson was not present for the minutes vote).

**Public Comment:**

None

**Old Business:**

**Basketball Association Program Overview and Accomplishments:**

Basketball had approx. 400-500 kids involved in the program. Last year there were 12-15 board members and this year it has dropped to 9 members. This is due to the loss of 7<sup>th</sup> graders who are now eligible to play for middle school. Financials are good with consistent reserves. Issues with various facilities were worked out. Keys were obtained for Fayette Middle making things easier this year, but Spring Hill uses an electronic key card, which BB doesn't have a copy of. Improvements were made to Spring Hill adding padding around the rims. In addition, new rims were installed at Minter, which ended up being too heavy for the school, and will have to be removed. A score clock was installed at the LEC. The youth basketball association president reported that they now own their own website.

**President's Meeting Review:**

It was reported not all 501C3 have been received.

**YAA Standard Policy and Procedure Manual:**

A wind chill chart has been added to the manual.

A motion was made by Terrence Williamson to forward the proposed changes to the YAA Standard Policy and Procedure Manual to the BOC for their approval. Bradley Kinger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Kenwood Park Monument and Memorial Garden:**

A ceremony for the Kenwood Park Garden will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am. A rain make-up day will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome and invited to attend. Parking may be an issue due to the expected crowd, so please plan ahead.

**New Business**

**Recreation Commission Vacancy:**

Steven Cox resigned due to conflicts with his schedule. Excellent candidates applied and were interviewed. The BOC will recommend a candidate at the 3/23/17 BOC meeting.

**Fayette County Community Football:**

A new football program has started for Fayette, but will not be under the Parks & Rec authority.

**CIP and Capital Budget Request:**

The CIP and Capital budget request for 2018 is \$925,000 with many of the budgeted items going towards safety needs. The 5-year budget request (2018-2022) is \$14 million with request for a multi-purpose building and walking trails. Lighting refurbishments request continues with additional funding requested for Phase 2 at Kenwood Park. Money was also requested for cameras (a priority) and restrooms at McCurry Park softball fields. Two vehicles were requested in the budget for 2018 – both were denied. The SPLOST topic was raised concerning when to begin research for the next possible SPLOST opportunity – we missed our opportunity for the current one. It was suggested to make a list now, obtain cost analysis for potential needs, and get things lined up to stay ahead of things. Requests were submitted to the county administrator for two new positions, Assnt. Parks & Rec. Director and Special Events Coordinator, but to date there has been no response.

**Bylaw Changes:**

No changes are needed at this time. The Annual Meeting is the second Tuesday in April.

**Hall of Fame:**

An idea was presented to start a Fayette County Sports Hall of Fame. Awards would be given to individuals who have grown up in our programs as well as coaches. Recipients could include famous athletes, major league players, etc.

**Staff Reports:**

**Staff Turnover:**

There have been several staff turnovers over the past year. Many have been offered the ability to earn a higher salary elsewhere. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

**Special Events:**

Several requests have been made for events such as Fun Runs, Regattas, and 5K Walks. We may need guidelines for reservations and to include things such as fees, FCSO permits for traffic assistance, potential staffing at the event facilities, etc. - might be helpful to have a sub committee to review all requests. There have also been private school field requests for practices and games, which have been honored as long as they are willing to pay the fees.

**Relay for Life:**

Relay for Life is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at McCurry Park. The torch lighting is at 5:30pm followed by the opening ceremonies from 6-6:30pm.

**Tournament Concerns:**

An anonymous letter was received from a citizen citing tournament concerns whereby the people holding the tournament are not one of our youth associations, and instead are being run by people the youth associations are turning it over to. The concern was related to the background of one of the outside people.

**Board Reports:**

None

Bradley Klinger made a motion to adjourn. Terrence Williamson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.