

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

October 13, 2020

A meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Present:

Bill Carver
Jill Flamm
Elliott Hennington
Bill Jones
Wynn McCurdy
Keylan Mitchell
Nathan Wade

Absent:

Joe Mayes
John Pape

PARKS Staff Present:

Jimmy Gisi
Michael Brantley
Mario Henson
Melanie Johnson
Shannon Woody
Tom Bills

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Keylan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Elliott Hennington opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Keylan Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. CONSIDERATION OF September 8, 2020 MINUTES

- MOTION: Motion by Bill Carver and seconded by Elliott Hennington to approve the September 8, 2020 Recreation Board minutes as submitted.
VOTE: APPROVED unanimously

V. (Added to agenda) Nominating committee selection

Bill Carver, Keylan Mitchell & Elliott Hennington
To report at next meeting

VI. COBB-MARIETTA COLISEUM & EXHIBIT HALL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT-

Keylan Mitchell -thank you to the members who made nominations, each nominating member can make comments at this time if they wish.

Jill Flamm- nomination of Joe Atkins – extremely fair, listened to both sides, does research, always prepared

Bill Carver – nomination of Bob Ott – interest in the authority and representing this board and the programs of the County to the Authority, private and public sector experience that would be an asset

Wynn McCurdy – nomination of Stan Wise, public service commissioner, County commissioner, volunteer boards, Strand, community minded, a lot of experience in the community and brings parties to work together in unison

Joe Mayes – nomination of Rob Hosack – Joe was not present

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Keylan – Questions on any nominations? None.

Members asked to list their top three nominations

Votes tallied:

Stan Wise 6

Joe Atkins 6

Rob Hosack 5

Bob Ott 4

Nominees will be notified in writing.

[During tabulation of votes – move to SPLOST reports]

VI. SPLOST REPORTING

Tom Bills provided a brief summary of SPLOST projects.

- Fellton property – house demolished, boundary clearing along fence line. Plaque to be installed on property.
- Vehicle wash station – to keep equipment clean, all equipment will have access
- 2016 program approximately 80 percent complete
- Discovery Park at the River Line - paving started, sidewalk installed, parking area, restroom building installed, trail system planning underway, clearing has begun
- Pavilions – Fair Oaks & Rhyne roof replacements completed, moving along quickly
- Fullers Park turf field conversion, striped for baseball and lacrosse, hope to be complete by end of January
- New signage – company prepared a sign mock up
- Technology Improvements – security cameras project underway, images will all go back to public safety, PARKS staff does not have access to footage

VII. Department Updates

Michael Brantley – Operations update

- Central Aquatics dehumidification units replaced
- Equipment – replacements coming in
- Approximately 1800 acres mowed in one way or another
- What does inventory look like now? Much better shape, close to 80% of equipment is 5 years old or less, now looking to replace specialized equipment
- Civic Center chiller replaced and natural gas generator installed to accommodate emergency shelter option
- Miller Event Center generator coming in the coming months
- Silver Comet trailhead restroom renovations – paint, doors, cleaning & epoxy floors with integrated cove base
- Update on Covid outbreak – back healthy, one person on quarantine now from exposure
- Trying to fill positions
- Winter projects – upcoming when weather changes

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- CARES act projects – bipolar ionization coming, installed on air handlers to clean the air in all facilities
- Competition – fish habitats, working on ponds, installed signage
- Will start building floating islands to clean the pond and provide fish habitat. Working with DNR at the possibility for more fishing rodeos. DNR hopes to help stock ponds on a more regular basis. Looking at placing Trout in ponds for certain periods of winter.

Mario Henson – Services update

- Drive thru fall festival – Oct 31 partnering with iHeart radio, about 12 booths with staff dressed in costume, candy distributed by candy fairies – partners helping with candy and “swag”
- Band & movies this weekend will be last for the season at Al Bishop
- Fair oaks community garden started
- Tour of riverside community garden this weekend

Jimmy Gisi –

- Veteran’s MOU to be brought forward at next BOC meeting
- BOC approved another 35 miles of trails for mapping and ELM sign installation
- BOC approved people counters to be installed on trails (8 of them) to start getting an idea of heavy use areas to reallocate resources. Can tie that usage to a dashboard with GIS to see crowd numbers.
- CARES act – change of direction. Mable House covering. Engaged design firm, ready to pull PO. Then instructed work must be complete by 12/30/20. Project halted and money forfeited. No touch fixtures – not feasible. Cabinet sanitizers – not feasible.
- Next BOC agenda – Cobblestone grill expansion coming forward. Will help entice larger tournaments and increase revenue.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

Questions from the Board:

- Elliott Hennington asked if COVID has slowed projects down. No, busy and people wanting to work but materials getting more expensive.
- Bill Carver asked about park usage. Over the top. BOC realizing the value and desire for parks.
- Jill Flamm – is playground at East Cobb park finished? Yes, really nice.
- Wynn McCurdy – will candidates be asked specific questions or just let them present? Keylan Mitchell – let them present and ask questions based on presentation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jill Flamm and second by Wynn McCurdy to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board at 7:01 P.M.