



**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2020
Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center**

The regular monthly meeting of Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Monday, January 27, 2020 p.m. in the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center. Kevin Gibson called the meeting to order with the following commission members present: Sandra Bopp, Chance Ebersold, MuAwia DaMes, Obie Hill, James Logan, Daniel Martonik and Deanna Reed. Present from Parks and Recreation: Gin Chandler, Brittany Clem, Erik Dart, Scott Erickson, Lynn Hoy, Matt Little, Brian Mancini, Matt Muterspaugh, AJ Morris and Luanne Santangelo.

- I. Welcome – Kevin Gibson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. December Meeting Minutes – Deanna Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9, 2019. The motion was seconded. All members voted in favor of approving the December 9, 2019 minutes.
- III. Heritage Oaks Golf Course Presentation – Gin Chandler, Brian Mancini and Luanne Santangelo presented an overview of Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation and Heritage Oaks Golf Course. The presentation consisted of a map of the golf course outlining boundaries and restrictions, revenue and expenditures for the last five years, positive impacts of the golf course, goal and perception change moving forward. Luanne fielded questions from the Commission members.
- IV. Process for Public Hearing/Public Comment – Kevin suggested an addition to the By-laws to address the process for Public Hearings and Public Comments, and he requested Parks and Recreation staff research policies and guidelines for holding public hearings and public comments. Public comments will be heard at the end of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public Hearing will be listed on the agenda after minutes are approved.
- V. Director's Report –
 - a. The cabin at Hillandale has been demolished, and the wood is being repurposed.

- b. Pickleball court construction will begin in March with a grand opening event to follow. Morrison Park will have handicap accessibility due to funding received from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$47,000.
 - c. LSG Landscape Architecture is prepared to provide design concept plans for the Purcell Park Master Plan.
 - d. The Parks and Recreation budget has been submitted to the City Manager. The budget includes operation of the golf course.
- VI. Event Attendance/Advocacy Opportunities:
- a. MuAwia DaMes suggested a permanent area be designated to recognize the history of Parks and Recreation and acknowledge the contributions of Cecil Gilkerson.
 - b. Obie Hill discussed the hours of operation for the pool and the CAC. Discussion was held regarding lane use by swim teams and an open lane for lap swim.
 - c. Obie Hill will attend the Sweetheart Dance.
 - d. Superhero event will be held at the CAC.
 - e. Several opportunities for Black History month are available for participation. Kevin encouraged attendance by members.
- VII. Public Comment
- a. Leonard VanWyk, 1065 S Dogwood Dr thanked everyone for the pickleball courts at Morrison Park. He stated the trails at Hillandale park contained safety hazards and asked the Safety Coordinator to examine the trails.
 - b. Sandra Hodge from the Spotswood Garden Club requested a sensory trail be included in the Purcell Park master plan. The Spotswood Garden Club is willing to fund up to a certain amount of the project and raise funds for the project.
- VIII. February 24, 2020 is the next meeting date to avoid the holiday on February 17th.
- IX. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24th at 7:00 pm at the Lucy F. Simms Center.

Respectively submitted,
Gin Chandler
Parks and Recreation Administrative Services Manger