



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

A special meeting of Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Monday, April 27th, 2020 at 3 p.m. via GoToMeeting to discuss Heritage Oaks Golf Course. 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 and Luanne Santangelo.

- I. Welcome – Kevin Gibson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. February Meeting Minutes – Mayor Deanna Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2020. The motion was seconded by Chance Ebersold. All members voted in favor of approving the February 24, 2020 minutes.
- III. Heritage Oaks Golf Course – Chair, Kevin Gibson, reviewed discussions and requests regarding the golf course starting in December 2019 to present. In January 2020, Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation staff gave a presentation on the golf course. In February, Parks and Recreation Commission hosted a public hearing regarding Heritage Oaks Golf Course. Discussion was held regarding commission members role and the intended outcome from the special meeting.

Sandy Bopp made a motion to turn decisions regarding the golf course over to Luanne Santangelo, Director, and not make a recommendation at this time. The motion was not seconded, and the motion failed.

MuAwia DaMes made a motion that PRAC recommends, based on the best interest of the citizens, that the golf course be paused for one-year time and opened to the general public thereby reducing expenditures during the pandemic while keeping full time staff. The motion was seconded by Obie Hill.

Sandy Bopp – Aye
MuAwia DaMes – Aye

Chance Ebersold – No
Kevin Gibson - No
Obie Hill - Aye
James Logan - Aye
Dan Martonik – No
Deanna Reed – Abstain

The motion passed with 4 votes in favor, 3 against, and 1 abstention.

IV. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Gin Chandler
Parks and Recreation Administrative Services Manger