

## **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**November 23, 2009**

**Members Present:** David Jerosé, Sandy Thomason, Tom Hodges, Lisa Curran, Tom Parmelee, and Commissioner Margaret Stinnett.

**Members Absent:** Tom Shipman, David Faircloth, Jim Thompson, and LaCusia Green.

**Staff Present:** Susan Simpson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Sandy Thomason called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Lisa Curran made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Hodges seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Simpson gave an athletic update. Youth basketball registration ended with approximately 620 signing up. The department has taken about 40 off the waiting list and incorporated them into the various leagues. Practices will begin in December and games in January. The department will use our gym at Flaherty Park, Wake Forest Elementary School, Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle School, and Heritage Middle School. Games will be on Friday nights and all day on Saturdays in order to conclude before the Easter holiday.

Director Simpson reported on the programs for the month of November. Nineteen classes were held with 141 participants. Two special events took place during the month. The Northern Wake Senior Center celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Gregg Gelb Jazz Ensemble providing music for the event. Billy Jonas performed at the Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club. A total of 163 enjoyed the shows. Both events were co-sponsored by United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. The Winter/Spring brochure is at the printers and will be available the first of December.

Maintenance crews are mulching playgrounds and bringing the levels back up to the appropriate depth. Work will begin on the upgrades to the kitchen at the Community House. New counter tops will be installed, the cabinets will be sanded and varnished, and the room will get a fresh coat of paint. The Eagle Scout candidate is nearing completion of the picnic shelter at Ailey Young Park.

The attendance for the Flaherty Park Community Center for the month of October was 2878.

Lisa Curran mentioned that the fence around the retention pond at Kiwanis Park needed some attention. Ms. Simpson said that she would relay the message to Wake County who looks after that property.

David Jerosé said that he had heard of a new product for playground surfacing. It is a foam type product that is rolled onto a prepared surface. Ms. Simpson stated that there are several types of surfacing that are ADA compliant but that uniform wood chips are the least expensive. Lisa Curran mentioned that the rubber surfacing is about four times the cost of wood chips.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Sandy Thomason and several other members commented on the Thanksgiving luncheon and how nice it was. Twenty two attended. It is a nice way for the board to say thanks to the staff and get to interact with them. She thanked Tom Shipman and David Jerosé for set-up and decorations.

Sandy Thomason mentioned the three members whose terms are expiring in December. Tom Shipman will not ask to be reappointed. He has served six years and the board will send a thank you letter at the end of the year. Tom Hodges has asked to be reappointed. David Faircloth has not given any indication about reappointment.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Simpson gave an update on the playground equipment for children with special needs. The equipment has been delivered and the company that does the installation has called. The department will have to wait for some dry weather before installing. The equipment is slated for the back section at Kiwanis Park. Ms. Simpson passed around a color rendering of the equipment and a layout.

David Jerose reported that the Wake Forest Tennis Association had elected Zack Nelson as President. They have purchased an on-line scoring system to assist with rating players. Leagues scheduled for the spring are: 2 men's, 2 women's and 2 doubles. The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 5 starting at 6 p.m. and the board is invited to attend. The group is also working on a plan for a storage building at Flaherty Park. When it is ready they will meet with Ms. Simpson.

Tom Hodges informed the board that he and Ms. Simpson had agreed to stay on the planning committee for the CBM Forum. The first meeting is generally in January with the forum in August. Mr. Hodges asked members if they had any topics for sessions to share at the planning meeting. Lisa Curran mentioned programs/play for children with special needs and environmental stewardship. Sandy Thomason mentioned childhood obesity and continuing with that topic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The only item of discussion was if the board wanted to meet in December. The date of the meeting is the 28<sup>th</sup> and several members mentioned that they would be out of town or have family here for the holidays. Tom Hodges made a motion to not meet in December. Tom Parmelee seconded the motion which carried 4-1.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Susan Simpson, Secretary

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Sandy Thomason, Chairperson