



## RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

September 27, 2010

**Members Present:** Sandy Thomason, Doug Scott, David Jerose, Jim Thompson, Alicia Knowles, Tom Hodges, and Commissioner Margaret Stinnett.

**Members Absent:** Tom Parmelee and Earl Creutzburg.

**Staff Present:** Susan Simpson

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sandy Thomason called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### MINUTES

**ACTION:** Alicia Knowles made a motion to approve the minutes. Doug Scott seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

None.

## **WELCOME – NEW MEMBER**

Ms. Simpson informed the board that Earl Creutzburg had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of LaCusia Green. The term expires December, 2011. Some of the members remember Mr. Creutzburg from his prior service on the board. He could not be at this meeting but will join us in October. Ms. Simpson also mentioned the recent resignation of Lisa Curran from the board and told the group that since her term is up this December, the Town Board chose not to fill that position but would wait and appoint someone to a full three year term in December.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Simpson gave an athletic update. The fall youth baseball/ softball season is three weeks underway with things running smooth. Teams are playing at Heritage, Flaherty, and R.H. Forrest field. The adult men's softball league will end next week with the tournament. Youth basketball registration will be held October 1-29. David Jeroser mentioned that he had not heard of Forrest field and wanted to know where it was. Ms. Simpson said it was beside the Boys & Girls club and the pool. It was named for Mr. Rufus Forrest the former principal of Wake Forest Elementary School and who started organized recreation in Wake Forest during the summer months.

Eighteen classes were held during September with approximately 157 participants. The department offered one special event, a theatre performance of the *Princess & the Pea*, with approximately 425 attending. She mentioned that the newspaper was at the early show and made pictures. They are concentrating more on local events and stories.

Maintenance crews continue work on ballfields. Mowing of all facilities has slowed during the recent hot/dry weather. Columns at the Wake Forest Community House were replaced and painting of gates and railings at various facilities and parks will be underway soon.

The attendance at the Flaherty Park Community Center was 2447 for the month of August.

## **CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Thomason gave an update on the publicity for the “Wake Forest Unplugged.” She and Ms Simpson were interviewed for the Focus on Wake Forest piece that has been running throughout September. The News & Observer and the Wake Forest Weekly had articles and a student from UNC called for the Daily TarHeel newspaper. She deferred the rest of her report for Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion continued concerning the upcoming event – “Wake Forest Unplugged.” Ms. Thomason mentioned that collection boxes for the pledge forms were delivered to Town Hall, Flaherty Park Community Center, The Polar Ice House, the Library, and the Chamber of Commerce. Doug Scott will pick up the one at the Ice House and Ms. Simpson will collect the others. The pledge forms are online but you can only print them off and send in or drop off. Businesses that have contributed are being listed on the website only. Ms. Thomason asked if everyone could be there on Sunday. All but David Jerose plan on attending. It was decided everyone would meet around 1:30 p.m. to set up the games. Activities start at 2 p.m. and end at 3 p.m. During intermission of the concert, the group will draw from the pledge forms for the prizes. Games will be: sack races, egg/spoon relay, ring toss, mini golf, corn hole, and a rubber ducky game for the youngsters. Two members will work each station. The group talked about prizes and decided to buy some small dollar stuff and just have in a bucket for pick-up after participation in the events. Ms. Simpson stated that she envisioned people just showing up and informally participating in the activities. She thought the flat area near the Overlook Shelter would be suitable for the games and would provide some shade. This is where the egg hunts were held. She also mentioned that Paul Miller with “Flow Circus” had offered to come free of charge and have games at the event. The group agreed for him to come as long as it was free of charge and he does not solicit for his business. Ms. Simpson stated that one Youth Advisory Board member had agreed to help with the event but she would send a reminder to all and see if any more will help.

David Jerose did not have a tennis update this month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of business was the election of a new Vice-Chair. With the recent resignation of Lisa Curran that position is now vacant. Ms. Simpson mentioned that Jim Thompson contacted her and volunteered to assume that position until regular elections are held in February. With no other nominations from the floor, Jim Thompson was elected unanimously.

Sandy Thomason mentioned the Halloween Spooktacular and asked if volunteers were needed. Ms. Simpson stated they were and that any member wishing to help needed to email her by October 8. Doug Scott said that he would volunteer.

Ms. Thomason also brought up the Thanksgiving luncheon. She said it might be early to discuss but would like to get something on the calendar. Ms. Simpson explained to the new members that the board had been sponsoring a luncheon at Thanksgiving for all the Parks & Recreation staff. She said that it meant a lot to the employees and they felt appreciated for their hard work during the year. The group discussed several dates and tentatively settled on Tuesday, November 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Ms. Simpson will check with the Flaherty staff about room availability and also with the Forks cafeteria.

With the resignation of Lisa Curran, Sandy Thomason stated it would be nice to send her a letter of appreciation for her years of service to the board. Ms. Simpson will prepare one for Ms. Thomason's signature.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Susan Simpson, Secretary

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Sandy Thomason, Chairperson