



**King William County
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**
October 2, 2014

Call to Order: Eugene Rivara called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call: Eugene Rivara, Chair, Travis Moskalski, Vice Chair, Troy Simons, Billy Faulkner

Members Not Present: Donald Longest, Secretary, Stacy Lantz, Vernice Wilson, Evelyn Martin, Katherine Upshaw

Review Meeting Agenda

Public Comment

Old Business:

Facebook Page Policy

- i. General discussion regarding the presented policy. Some suggestions for changes were offered. Alison agreed to take the suggestions under advisement, have the County Attorney review the policy, and present a final draft in November.

Facility Reservation Pricing

- i. Alison presented the P&R Staff's proposal to change the facilities' fees. There was discussion regarding the fee for lighting, the availability of staff to prep the fields on certain days, and priority of reservations. Mr. Rivara suggested having reservation notices posted on fields ahead of time. The members in attendance suggested changing the proposed lighting fee to a flat \$50 to alleviate the need for constant monitoring.
- ii. Concerns were over the equipment housed for groups/ individuals that teach classes at the Rec Center. It was suggested that the Rec Center be used for meetings but not parties.
- iii. Concern was raised about facilities being used by for-profit organizations – liability insurance?

Reports – Staff

Yellow Jackets

- i. The problem area at the park was treated, but the yellow jackets returned. Potential remediation: move trash cans and other items attracting the bees farther away from the fields.

New Business

Get Involved! Proposal for engaging community volunteers

- i. Bottom line: "Involving volunteers from the county will improve our park and programs as well as help build community."
- ii. WHAT could P&R use volunteers for?
 - a. Youth sport coaches, Senior Advisory Committee, Adopt-a-Park, Blitz Days, Trail Blazing
- iii. HOW will the P&R Staff get and manage volunteers?
 - a. Rec Assistant additional duty will be Volunteer Coordinator
 - b. Advertise on social media and website and outreach to community organizations and churches
 - c. Annual Community Night to recognize all volunteers, to be planned by the Senior Advisory Committee and other willing volunteers

School Board Facility Use Fees

- i. School Board has revisited their usage fees. P&R and affiliated programs have no fees
- ii. P&R Staff will create a new contract for County Affiliation

Soccer

- i. Dynamo: P&R Staff hopes to have Dynamo return to KWC for the 2015 Spring Season. There has also been some desire expressed to have P&R run their own program, however, those in attendance felt that Dynamo returning would be ideal. It was clarified that Dynamo would have to go through P&R to have the school usage fees waived. Desire was expressed to have this position backed by the School Administration.
- ii. Indoor Soccer was removed from the budget for FY15. Alison pointed out that this program costs little money and asked if the Commission would like to explore continuing the program given that there was no fall soccer in the county. Consensus was given to explore.

Pet Waste Stations

- i. DEQ would like to have Pet Waste Stations installed at the Park with costs of installation reimbursed by DEQ. The Rec Commission gave consent for P&R Staff to move forward with installing the Pet Waste Stations.

Safety concerns at Park due to traffic

- i. Mr. Simons noted that there was a lot of traffic moving about in the park. He is worried that it will create a safety issue and inquired as to having gates installed that would block vehicle traffic.

Adjournment: Eugene Rivara adjourned the meeting as Chair at 8:20pm.

Next meeting is November 6th at 7:00pm.