

Cherokee County Recreation & Parks
Advisory Board
February 12, 2020
Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Jason Nelms called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Presents: Chairman, Jason Nelms, Amy Turcotte, 2nd Vice Chairman, Steve Pressley, Jay Worley, CRPA Director and CRPA staff. Absent: Carlos Carbetta, Mark Preetorious

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The December 11, 2019 minutes were approved. Motioned by Steve Pressley, seconded by Amy Turcotte. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

Ashley Witcher and Josh Fuder with the UGA Cherokee County Extension were present to discuss the agreement for construction of the outdoor educational orchard and garden center to be located at Cherokee Veterans Park. Charles Barnes with the City of Canton was present to observe the meeting.

4. Reports/Board Business

a. Chairman

There was no report from the Chairman.

b. Board Members

There were no reports from any board members.

c. Director

i. Agency Update

- A new Website was launched at www.playcherokee.org in January 2020
- We now have a New Online and Printed Brochure released **Play Cherokee**
- Marketing Branding/ New Logo
- Shawn Schumacher was promoted to Athletic Division Director
- TR Coordinator Jen Fischer moved back to Canada, we have hired Jarron Amburgey from Kentucky
- Interviewing for the CYB- Athletic Coordinator Position is currently on going
- Minor Office Renovations are being completed now to make room for new staff
- CYB has 553 teams this year, which is the most in league history
- CYS has 537 players playing out of three parks which is the most in league history.
- VIP Banquet- we had 280 guest this year, Delaine Cagle received the - Distinguish Volunteer of Year, Hobgood Baseball received the - Excellence in Volunteer Service
- USA Olympic Softball Team will visit Twin Creeks softball complex Sunday, April 5- to date we have sold 485 tickets for this event.

- L.B. Ahrens Recreation Center- The Buzz- we met with architects last week and getting closer proposing

ii. Consideration of Proposal by UGA Extension Office & Master Gardeners' Club

Ashley Witcher with the UGA Cherokee County Extension provided information and history on what is going on with 4-H and the school activities side of the extension office. She stated that there are 1,800 members and 27 school programs involved with the county extension 4-H program. Josh Fuder discussed with the board about the agricultural side of the county extension office. Ms. Witcher and Mr. Fuder presented a proposal to the advisory board for a new outdoor learning area at Cherokee Veterans Park. Jordan Wood also gave a power point presentation to the board to discuss location of where the outdoor learning area would be, the benefits to the county, the design, the organizational structure, examples of other installations and the different phases of the learning area. Chairman Nelms stated this is an incredible joint opportunity and Amy Turcotte stated this is a great idea. Motion made by Steve Pressley to recommend the proposed agreement for construction of an outdoor educational orchard and garden center at Cherokee Veterans Park to the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Amy Turcotte. Motion carried 3-0.

iii. Consideration of Proposal for Fee Raise for Pavilion Rentals at the Cline Park Splash Pad

Kim Whatley, Aquatics Division Director presented a proposal to raise the fee for the pavilion rental at the Cline Park splash pad. Kim informed the board the \$35 pavilion rental is the same as other pavilions in the county. However, the amenities available at this pavilion have a higher level of services. Also due to the attendance at the rentals, it requires more upkeep and maintenance to assure it is ready for the next rental. She asked the advisory board to change the current pavilion rental rate of \$35 for a 4-hour rental to \$50 for a 3-hour rental. Motion made by Amy Turcotte to approve the raising of the pavilion rental fee at the Cline Park Splash Pad, seconded Steve Pressley. Motion carried 3-0.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

Adjourn

Motioned by Amy Turcotte to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Steve Pressley. Motion carried 3-0.