

Winchester Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, June 24, 2013  
6:30pm

Meeting Location: Lord Fairfax Room

**Present:** Krista Farris (Chair), John Bentley, (Vice-Chair), Jules Bacha, Kyle Homan, John Elliott, Matt Mintschenko, Rosie Schiavone, Shelly Lee

**Absent:** Brian Wigley

**City Staff:** Lisa Hamaker (Interim Director) and Thomas Jones, Facility Coordinator for Parks

**Council:** Milt McInturff

**Media:** Vic Bradshaw, Winchester Star

**Guests:** Mike Aschenbrenner

Krista Farris called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

**Approval of June 3, 2013 Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jules Bacha to approve the June 3 minutes as presented, Shelly Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Public Comments: None**

**Chairman Comments: Krista Farris**

None

**Interim Director's Report: Lisa Hamaker**

**A) Fiscal Year 2014 Park Board Meeting Schedule**

Shelly Lee made a motion to adopt the meetings dates as they appeared on the Official Meeting Calendar for FY14 presented to the Board, Kyle Homan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**B) FY2014 Budget Overview**

Lisa Hamaker gave an overview of the Fy14 Parks and Recreation Budget as approved by City Council. Some highlights of the budget were funding to resurface the play surface at Children's Dream, matching funds for the Skate Pavilion, some funding for 2 new trucks and a box trailer and two Capital Projects funded were ADA Phase II and partial funding for artificial turf on Bridgeforth Field.

**C) Master Plan**

Thomas Jones presented a copy of the Master Plan Survey draft compiled by staff. The idea is to post the survey on Survey Monkey.

He is seeking questions, ideas, and or changes the Park Advisory Board may want to make to the survey.

Krista Farris suggested those changes be made and e-mailed to Thomas and copied to John Bentley before the next Board meeting.

**D) Change In Building Hours**

Lisa Hamaker relayed to the Advisory Board delaying the opening hours of the Recreation Complex and War Memorial Building from 5:00am to 6:00am would generate a savings of \$3,100.00 and has been figured into the Fy14 Park Operating

Budget. Reports show that building usage is very minimal during this hour. The new building hours will start in the Fall of 2013.

John Bentley suggested determining a way to get more people into the building during that time frame.

Krista Farris's thoughts were of memberships leaving and not coming back to the facility with the hour change. She suggested the idea of a 5am opening may make the difference in boosting regular attendance.

**E) Upcoming Events**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks will be held in conjunction with the Rockin' Independence Eve Celebration in the downtown area. This is the first year the Fireworks will not be held in Jim Barnett Park.

Liberty 5K Race will be held on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Movies on the Mall had an attendance of approximately 150 at people the first night's showing.

Salute To Our Troops Celebration will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> with the Korean War Memorial Dedication in Jim Barnett Park, a Parade and activities in the Downtown area and the Shenandoah Moonlight Ball rounding out the evening.

**Board Comments:**

Krista Farris asked about the water coming from the Splash pad on the Old Town Mall and Lisa Hamaker replied it is treated water and chemically balanced just like the Pools in the Park.

Jules Bacha inquired on the artificial turf and the maintenance of it.

Shelly Lee commented a lot of compliments had been received from the weekend Swim Meet.

John Bentley inquired about the presentation of the Amphitheatre design from the students at SU. Lisa Hamaker said timing for the presentation would have to be re-visited since some of the returning students are out now for summer break.

**Advisory Board Meeting Dates: Krista Farris**

**Advisory Board Meeting:** Monday, July 22, 2013 @ 6:30pm

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss Krista Farris asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kyle Homan made the motion and it was seconded by John Elliott. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted; Jennifer Stotler; Park Administration Coordinator, July 12, 2013.