

## **City of Alpharetta**

### **Recreation and Parks Commission**

Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2015

Prepared: Monday, May 16, 2015

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### **COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY**

Public meeting of the Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Commission held May 14, 2015. This summary is provided as a convenience and service to the public, media and staff. It is not the intent to record proceedings verbatim. Any reproduction of this summary must include this notice. Official minutes are recorded and available for review.

#### **I. Roll Call – Commissioner Ben Easterling**

- Commissioner Ben Easterling called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- Commission present: Kristina Appen, Shuntel Beach, Ben Burnett, Ben Easterling, Jarrett Long, Bill Lusby, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand and Wendi Schutt
- Commission absent: None
- City staff present: Matt Casey, Eric Milley, Mike Perry, Alice Smith
- City Council present: Councilman Jim Gilvin

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **III. Recognition of Guests**

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2015**

- Motion by Mrs. Rand to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015 commission meeting as written. Second by Mrs. Schutt . No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **V. Old Business - None**

#### **VI. New Business**

1. Recognize Alpharetta Gymnastics Academy State Champions
  - Christine Young, Recreation Coordinator at ACC, who oversees the competitive gymnastics program came to recognize AGA for their recent accomplishments
  - AGA is comprised of seven levels, five of which are competitive; two are developmental
  - Four levels attended State this past month and many winners emerged from those competitions.

- First team, EXCEL, coached by the program’s director and head coach, Ashley Banan, won 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 35 teams at State; one gymnast, Anna Grace Stewart, won in individual events for Vault and Floor
- Level 4 placed 6<sup>th</sup> in their competition; coached by Ashley Banan, Sandra Maki and Nina Ogudove
- Level 3 had a great win coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> at State; all around champions and individual winners on Bars are Ella Thurman and Grace Eneberg; Grace also won Bars & Beam and Ella won on Floor; also coached by Ashley, Sandra and Nina
- Level 2 won “State Champions”, coached by Ashely Banan, Mandy Hester, Leah Campolong and Nina Ogudova; the team performed flawlessly and scored the highest out of 16 teams to become State Champions
- Level 2 all around champions are Julia Kane and Isabella Young who also won on Vault, Bars and Beam; Isabella also won Floor along with Janeya Butler and Hannah Bishop; Camille Block was also a winner on Beam
- The Commission thanked the team staff, members and parents for all their hard work and dedication

## VII. Committee Reports

### 1. **Administration Committee – Mr. Easterling**

- Read over the recommended capital projects; City Council will have more readings
- Questions arose concerning the Park Master Plans project; Commission would like clarification, does this master plan incorporate all parks or just Wills Park
- There will be another presentation of the budget at Monday night City Council meeting; Final budget reading is June

### 2. **Parks Committee – Mrs. Rand**

- The committee met at Wills Park; saw the new trees planted and met with Barry Pike, WP Supervisor
- Looked at the area for the batting cage; Eric discussed draining issues and why these type of things have to be considered before you put up any batting cage
- Discussed painting the planters and checked out the outdoor classroom

### 3. **Recreation Committee – Mrs. Beach**

- N Zone Sports North Georgia will be on the June agenda
- Gearing up for the Sharks team and Pool opening May 23

## VIII. Partner Association Reports

**1. AYSA - Mrs. Appen**

- Elections were held
- Martin Charlton, with AYSA, came before the commission to discuss North Park Batting Cages for Fields 1-4
- AYSA proposes to update and refurbish the existing batting cages on these fields; the cost will be covered by AYSA through their capital improvements reserves.
- They were pleased to see the City refurbish the batting cage on Field 7
- AYSA will fund the project to improve the existing batting cages between Fields 3 & 4 by installing a concrete pad and installing new equipment consisting of 2 batting structures and 3 soft toss cages to the existing area
- The project will run through contractors contracted through the city; they expect the project to be around \$45,000.
- Mrs. Appen made a motion to approve the North Park batting cages changes as presented. Second by Mr. Long. **All in favor. Motion carried**

**2. AYBA – Mrs. Rand**

- No meeting this week but they were able to play 92% of their games even with all the rains

**3. NAFL – Mr. Lusby – no report**

**4. NMML – Mrs. Beach**

- There was a memorial plaque placed at North Park Miracle League field for Jacob Vinson last Saturday
- May 16<sup>th</sup> is game 5; May 23 is the end of season awards party
- Busy gearing up for summer camp and activities

**5. Ambush – Mr. Mitchell**

- Season is over, process of holding tournament games
- Three of the five board members were reelected; no one else wanted the positions
- Advertising for upcoming tryouts – Peach Jar has flyers in 23 of 26 schools
- Tryout dates; May 26-28 for U8 Pre-Academy boys and girls, June 2-4 for U14-U19 boys and U14-U18 girls
- Super Y starts in the summer

IX. **Park Service Report – Eric Milley**

1. **Wills Park**

- T-pads have been poured and hope to have them complete this coming week; scheduling more concrete work for Fields A-D
- Scheduling asphalt overlay
- Installing new hitting mats in all batting cages
- Successfully passed another Fulton County Board of Health inspection for the pool
- In the process of hiring seasonal help for all four parks
- The roofing and block sealing project at WPRC is completed
- Working with Choate on several warranty issues at City Center

2. **Webb Bridge Park**

- Getting ready for the annual major sod renovation.
- Irrigation and filling in low areas
- The other two pervious parking lots are going out for bid to recoat as well as other drainage work
- Installing new mats in batting cages

3. **North Park**

- Grinding down some of the uneven concrete areas around fields 1-4
- Continuing to mulch all common areas and remove dead and damaged trees from storms
- Next week staff will start to widen the drainage swell on the Bethany entrance with help from Engineering Department

4. **Rock Mill Park**

- Cleaning up the bio retention ponds along with public works
- Replaced about 40 sections of the board walks in the last 9-10 months
- Plans are to coat those sections middle July to August
- Commissioner Beach thanked Eric and the North Park staff for all their help throughout the year and especially during the recent Kings Ridge 5K run; staff is always willing to help in any situation

X. **Equestrian Center – Matt Casey**

- Horse show this weekend is Bolshoi Benefit and we are expecting 195 horses; they will also hold a Trainer Certification Clinic on Monday and Tuesday
- Rolling Hills Saddle Club comes in next weekend; Mid-Summer Classic and North Atlanta District Club Boy Scout Camp end the month's events
- Added a Rodeo to the July calendar
- Staff has added aggregate to arenas and around the lower show office

**X. Recreation Service Report - Lisa Cherry written report**

- Spring programs end soon
- Aquatics seasonal staff orientation is May 16
- Day camp seasonal staff orientation is May 26-28
- Staff is working on the design/layout of the Fall/Winter Leisure Guide
- Recreation and Parks staff helped with Taste of Alpharetta last week
- Mother/Daughter Luncheon, Moments with Mom, and the dance recital were held May 9<sup>th</sup> and all were very good
- Alpharetta Sharks swim team held a mock swim meet May 11
- Event Updates:
  - May 19 – Golden Age Club luncheon
  - May 23 – City Pool opens
  - May 25 – Alpharetta Memorial Day Tribute (Brooke Street Park)
  - May 26-28 – Sharks home meet v. Alpharetta Athletic Club
  - June 1 – Summer camps/programs begin
  - June 2 – Swim lessons begin
  - June 6 – Youth Fishing Derby

**XI. Director's Report – Mike Perry**

- Mr. Perry recognized Matt and some of the parks crew for updating the admin kitchen
- Fulton County awarded a one year extension of use of Milton Center tonight; this really helps with the Ambush program
- Mr. Perry went over the steps of the budget process; city's draft budget is on the city's website

**XII. City Council Report – Councilman Jim Gilvin**

- The main item on Monday's Council meeting agenda is the City Center followed by the budget
- Several commission members questioned the \$80,00 for Park Master Plans ; Mayor included the development of a master plan for Wills Park which also consists of the possible future relocation of the Equestrian Center as requested by two of the councilmembers
- Councilman Gilvin has not heard from anyone asking that the Equestrian Center be repurposed; he feels repurposing the center is in poor judgment
- Councilman Cross has concerns about batting cages at Wills Park; the association would like covered batting cage; bleachers are needed at Webb Bridge for the soccer field;

repairs are needed at the Greenway; also concerns about Webb Bridge Park drop off at the soccer field

- Don't forget Memorial Day Tribute at Brooke Street Park begins at 8:30am

- XIV. **Citizen's Comments** – None

XV. **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Rand. Second by Wendi Schutt.
- **All in Favor. Motioned carried.**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm
- Next Meeting: June 11, 2015