

## **City of Alpharetta**

### **Recreation and Parks Commission**

Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2015

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### **COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY**

Public meeting of the Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Commission held August 13, 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 – Commission Chair Ben Easterling**

- Commissioner Ben Easterling called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Commission present: Jarrett Long, Bill Lusby, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand, and Wendi Schutt
- Commission absent: Shuntel Beach and Ben Burnett
- City staff present: Mike Perry, Lisa Cherry, Kim Dodson, Eric Milley, Matt Casey, Dixie Pounds and Alice Smith
- City Council present: Jim Gilvin

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

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

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2015**

- Motion by Mrs. Rand to approve the minutes of July 9, 2015 as written. Second by Mrs. Schutt.
- No discussion. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

#### **VI. New Business – None**

1. Nomination/Election of Recreation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair
  - Motion by Mr. Lusby to nominate Mr. Easterling as Commission Chair. Second by Mr. Mitchell.
  - No discussion. **All in favor. Motion carried**
  - Motion by Mrs. Rand to nominate Mr. Long as Vice Chair. Second by Mr. Mitchell.

- No discussion. **All in favor. Motion carried.**
2. Milton Rate Reduction – Jim Cregge, Director of Milton Recreation and Parks
    - Mr. Cregge stated that Chris Lagerbloom, Milton City Manager, will meet with Bob Regus next week to discuss reducing the Milton rate
    - Milton has made some substantial improvements at their parks
  3. Discussion on Bus Replacement
    - The department received funds to replace the 32 passenger bus
    - Staff has obtained state contract quotes for a 29 passenger bus and wants Commission input on the type of bus to purchase
    - Several members of the Alpharetta Golden Age Club spoke in favor of purchasing a bus without a wheelchair lift; several reasons were cited including: the City already owns a bus with a lift; it is uncomfortable for a person to ride in a wheelchair on an extended bus trip; those in wheelchairs often need a care-giver with them; seating and storage capacity is less on a bus with a lift
    - Currently there is one senior who uses the bus with the wheelchair lift once per month to come to the Center to play bingo; participants who go on trips now are mobile
    - Staff respects the opinions of club members and recommends purchasing a bus without a lift provided the City is still ADA compliant
    - Motion by Mr. Long to ensure the City is ADA compliant by having one bus with a lift before making a decision. Second by Mrs. Rand.
    - No further discussion. **All in favor. Motion carried**

## VII. Committee Reports

### 1. Administration Committee – Mr. Easterling

- No report at this time; wait to hear outcome of meeting regarding Milton's reduction in fees

### 2. Parks Committee – Mrs. Rand

- Committee met Laurie Love, Roswell's Visual Arts Coordinator; she gave them some insights on what pitfalls to be aware of and suggestions that would help when exhibiting art work; such as not too much sunlight in the building, walls should be gray not white, carpet on the walls for hanging art work

### 3. Recreation Committee – No Report

## VIII. Partner Association Reports

### 1. **AYSA - Ms. Cherry**

- Attended board meeting; AYSA is getting ready for the fall season

### 2. **AYBA – Mrs. Rand**

- All board positions are filled; there was discussion on the Wall of Fame
- Registration has started for the fall

### 3. **NAFL – Mr. Lusby**

- Offering a select travel division this year; teams are within the city's residency guidelines
- In the process of getting coaches and completing background checks

### 4. **NMML – Mrs. Schutt**

- Fall season is starting up; registration closes Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for volunteers; information can be found on their website
- They are requesting that they be exempt from the City's contract with Coca Cola
- NMML is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> year of adapted softball

### 5. **Ambush – Mr. Mitchell**

- Down a couple of teams; academy girls is down 2 teams
- Registration is complete and fees have been collected
- US Youth Soccer is changing the age calculation date from August 1 to January 1; this will affect our teams next year; will invite Doug Yearwood to the next Recreation Committee meeting to discuss

## IX. Equestrian Report – Matt Casey

- Horse shows have been very successful this year
- August has a total of 5 shows scheduled; four locally rated and 1 nationally rated 5-day horseshow
- Staff is planting shrubs, adding mulch to all beds and aggregate around all barns
- Spectator deck at North Park Tennis Center is nearing completion

## X. Park Service Report – Eric Milley

### 1. Wills Park

- Score towers have all been painted
- Working on Wacky World restrooms a/c, tile floors and hand dryers

- Pavilion roofing was approved and staff will handle staining pavilions
  - Working on replacing artificial mounds cost; cost share with AYBA
  - Shade structure for the T-Ball fields was completed
2. Webb Bridge Park
    - Parking lot has been sealed and striped
    - Replaced several sections of sod on baseball field four
    - Top dressing walking trails and soccer fields
  3. North Park
    - Completed the other batting cage on Field 6
    - Finished the partitions in restrooms at football field
    - Fence work is scheduled for the football field before the season starts
  4. Rock Mill Park
    - Soon there will be two more sections of the boardwalk replaced
    - Staff will start sealing the sections that have already been replaced
    - Kurt Kirby is lining up projects with YMCA for September's National Day of Service

**XI. Recreation Service Report - Lisa Cherry**

- Ms. Cherry introduced, Kim Dodson with Special Events
- Moving tree lighting from a Friday night to a Saturday night
- Wire and Wood will be a 2-day festival in downtown Alpharetta this year; the kickoff party will be at Avalon on Thursday
- Registration going on now for youth basketball
- Fall soccer and lacrosse teams begin practices soon
- Two new baseball scoreboards have been ordered for Wills Park (AYBA to split the cost)
- Summer tournaments (Atlanta Braves and Triple Crown) were successful at the parks

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

- 1000 hotel rooms were generated with the Triple Crown tournament
- City Council approved contracts for on-call electrical services and roof repair/replacement at multiply facilities
- Will hold public meetings to gather input on plans for renovation of the old library

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

- Use of the old library as a future arts center was discussed amongst some of the council members informally and they were generally in favor but want public input
- Assuming the old library property will be deeded to the City in early September, the City will host an open house on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-7:30pm for public input, with

subsequent presentation/discussion at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting; any action on the library will be taken at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting

- The transition of special events to the Recreation & Parks Department will help provide needed support to Ms. Dodson and her staff
- There were some vehicle break-ins during the Triple Crown tournament; staff is researching the cost and feasibility of adding cameras in some park parking lots

XIV. **Citizen's Comments** – None

XV. **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Rand. Second by Mrs. Schutt
- **All in Favor. Motioned carried.**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:38p.m.
- Next Meeting: September 10, 2015