



## RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2015

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

- Recreation Commission Chair Ben Easterling called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

### II. ROLL CALL

- Commission present: Jamie Bendall, Ben Burnett, Ben Easterling, Jarrett Long, Bill Lusby, Dennis Mitchell, and Wendi Schutt
- Commission absent: Shuntel Beach, Cheryl Rand
- Staff present: Director of Recreation and Parks Mike Perry, Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks Lisa Cherry, Parks Manager Eric Milley, Rec/Parks Office Manager Alice Smith, Center Supervisors Dixie Pounds AAAC, Jenny Simpson WPRC, William Weathers ACGC
- City Council present: Councilman Jim Gilvin

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2015

- Motion by Mrs. Schutt to approve the minutes of October 8, 2015 as written. Second by Mr. Bendall. No discussion
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

### V. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Impact Fee Ordinance – Eric Graves, Community Development

- Mr. Graves discussed the city's impact fee program which was recently updated by Council
- The last update was in 1999; impact fees are fees collected for any new developments and pricing is based on the type and size of the project
- Funds collected go to Public Safety, Recreation & Parks, Roads and a small percentage to administration

- Mr. Graves provided the commissioners information on Recreation & Parks Capital Improvements program for the next 20 years; impact fees can be used to help pay for some of the capital improvements outlined in the Recreation & Parks Master Plan Update 2025

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administration Committee – Mr. Easterling no report
- B. Parks Committee – Mrs. Schutt – no report
- C. Recreation Committee – Ms. Cherry
- The committee met and made a few minor changes to the Athletic Handbook
  - Reviewed the annual Youth Athletic Association Guidelines for 2016; no major changes; annual use agreements will be sent to association reps soon

VIII. PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. AYSA – Mr. Burnett
- Board is working on their list of recommended capital improvements for FY2017
  - Spring registration began November 5; season starts February 27
  - The program will be actively marketed
  - Board voted to increase spring registration fee by \$25
- B. AYBA – Ms. Cherry
- Scoreboard installation has been delayed a couple of weeks per their request
  - Starting spring registration soon
- C. NAFL – Mr. Cherry
- Wrapping up their season the end of this month; dealing with rainouts
- D. NMML – Mrs. Schutt – No report
- E. Ambush – Mr. Mitchell
- Bad weather has affected the number of games played this season; to compensate for lost games in the fall, more games will be added to the spring schedule

IX. PARK SERVICES REPORT – ERIC MILLEY

- A. Wills Park
- Taking applications for full and part-time positions
  - Shingled roofing projects at the park are complete
  - Trim work will be added to the Wacky World restroom along with sealing the blocks
  - Added sod and filled in holes at Mansell House
  - Roofing was completed at the Community Center

- Downey Trees trimmed trees outside the old library; building will be power washed; Tri Scapes will add plantings to beautify the area; staff will paint the railing in the front of the building

B. Webb Bridge Park

- Detention pond has been at a standstill due to rain
- Staff replaced all the boards on the bridge at the entrance to the park
- Septic pump has been repaired at Phase III; restrooms are now open
- Roof repairs were made to the Maintenance shop at Webb Bridge and North Park

C. North Park

- Batting pavilion project is near completion, waiting on turf delivery
- Miracle League drainage project has gone out to bid
- Drainage at Bethany was near completion however rain caused delay and there is need to regrade and hydro seed
- Making and replacing signs for ballfields 1-4
- Checking schedule to find a good time for block sealing at the Adult Activity Center

D. Rock Mill Park

- Busy with trail cleanup from all the rain
- Marconi project is on hold due to the weather
- Cleaning and painting trash can lids

X. RECREATION SERVICE REPORT – LISA CHERRY

- Kim Unger is our new Customer Service Representative at Wills Park Recreation Center; in the process of hiring the part time Special Events Coordinator
- Fall athletic league play is delayed due to weather
- Winter instructional programs began in early November
- Winter youth basketball practices are ongoing; games begin December 5
- Continuing working on the 2016 spring and summer leisure guide; staff is researching ideas for several new programs
- Gym floors will be done during Thanksgiving; Wills Park Recreation Center will be closed that week
- Veteran's Day Breakfast and Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony were great
- Upcoming Event Updates:
  - December 1 – Spring Youth Soccer and Lacrosse Registration begins
  - December 2 – Cookies with the Clauses (Alpharetta Community Center)
  - December 5 – City of Alpharetta Christmas Tree Lighting

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MIKE PERRY

- Future use of the old library was discussed at a recent Council workshop; staff has been asked to gather some budget information

- Next week a MOU with the City of Johns Creek will be presented to Council; this arrangement would be a mutual waiving of non-resident fees for participants in recreational programs including girls softball, lacrosse and baseball
- Working on possible bond which could include the pool, art center, greenway and the community center.

XII. CITY COUNCIL REPORT – COUNCILMAN JIM GILVIN

- Mr. Gilvin is very proud of what we do as a community and feels the agreement with Johns Creek could grow in a strong program for North Fulton; thanks to the staff that helped put this together
- The process of increasing impact fees is dictated by the state
- There was discussion on the potential bond referendum; Council is considering the feasibility of this and potential projects; there are some other legislative initiatives pertaining to sales tax and road improvements that may affect the timing of the City issuing a bond
- The idea of creating an Arts Commission has been suggested to Council by Council Member Mitchell
- Would like for all commissioners to tour the old library
- The Commission's holiday dinner will be held after the December meeting

XIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Mrs.Schutt. Second by Mr. Long.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm
- **All in Favor. Motion carried.**
- Next Meeting: December 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm