



**Town of Holly Springs
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, Sept 10, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
7:00 pm, Cultural Center**

Committee Members Present:

Alice Reese, Elizabeth Stone, Molly Sapienza, Susan Smith, Chris Cook, Jason Guetgemann, Lenny Lloyd, Val Atkinson

Late Arrival: Stephen Brauer (coaching)

Absent Members:

Council Members Present: Pete Villadsen, Christine Kelly

Staff Present: LeeAnn Plumer, Adam Huffman, Lori Puzak

Call to Order 7:01 pm

Minutes: Aug. 13, 2020 Approved

Motion: Molly Sapienza

Second: Susan Smith

Public Comment Period Notes on the Comment Period - Due to the current restrictions on mass gatherings, and the nature of an Electronic Meeting, public comments will be received in writing and delivered to Committee Members prior to this meeting.
No speakers

Discussion/Action Items

Tour of Cultural Center – Kathleen, Cultural Center Manager

Committee was taken on a tour of the cultural center, namely the technical booth.

Officer Elections:

A short description of roles by current officers preceded the nominations. Director Plumer described Vice Chair role.

Nominations:

Chair: Susan Smith Seconded by Liz Smith

Vice Chair: Molly, seconded by Len Lloyd

Secretary: Liz Stone, seconded by Len Lloyd

Elected:

Chair: Susan Smith Unanimously approved

Vice Chair: Molly Sapienza unanimously approved

Secretary: Liz Stone, unanimously approved

Reports

Council Update –Presented by Council Pete Villadsen

- Ice Plex development plans approved and project is moving forward.
- Hunt Center: Town is Refinancing the Hunt Center Loan.
- Utle Creek Greenway: design phase contract approved.
- New Park Land is now within town limits. Successful annexation

- Arbor Creek, Middle Creek Greenway – Council to review connection routing at next work session.
- Deadly weapons ordinances
 - Council discussed two ordinances – 1) prohibiting concealed carry on town property and 2) prohibiting open carry on town property.
 - In August, Council did not support prohibiting conceal carry permit holders from legally carrying concealed weapons on town property.
 - At the first meeting in Sept, Town Council did vote to approve a prohibition on open carry weapons on town property. The vote was 3/2. In order to change an ordinance, a second reading will be required at the next Council meeting in order to confirm this prohibition. The ordinance up for consideration would ban open carry weapons from all town property (excluding greenways) and would have a 6 month delay time before it would become effective.
- The consultant for the Arbor/Middle Creek greenway design is striving for a late February design completion so that bids are ready for the Bond sale in early spring. The goal is to start construction summer of 2021 with an 8-12 month construction time frame.

Tree Advisory Committee – Susan Smith

- After serving one year as an ex-officio member with no voting power, her term is now up. Len volunteered to be the Tree Committee Liaison. Nominated by Molly, seconded by Susan. All voted in favor.
- Tree Replacement program: Citizens can apply. Will use data from tree inventory to assist with tree distribution.
- After two years, there will be a review of tree advisory committee. The Town's landscape ordinance will be reviewed.

Director's Update – Director Plumer

Dept. has been quite busy managing covid updates.

1. Parks & Rec Greenways Master Plan:
Inventory & Analysis are complete. Moving into next phase (Vision and Recommendations)
Steering Committee Meeting, Monday, Sept. 14. 6:00-8:00.
Will present findings and focus principals re: how to get to where they want to go.
2. Arbor Creek/Middle Creek Greenway:
Moving toward 65% drawings; Routing alignment being reviewed.
Under contract for Utley Creek Phase 2 design, Kick-off meeting held today
3. Sugg Farm:
Restroom unit will be delivered and installed next week.
Dog Park Work in Sept. with ribbon cutting in Oct. (target timeframe)
4. Park & Recreation Managers Annual Retreat held Aug. 28. Identified areas for FY21 and beyond. Good teambuilding exercise.

Operations Update – Adam Huffman

1. Youth Athletics
 - a. Winter sports meetings continue. With Schools closed, gym space is very limited.
 - b. Youth Baseball/Softball – numbers are close to normal for Fall season.
 - c. Football - Football is a contact sport, & will be a training season.
 - d. Soccer – Numbers remain low, but kids are on waitlist due to lack of coaches.

2. Cultural Center
 - a. Harry Potter Trivia Event was fun – 75 cars, sold out.
 - b. Beatlesque drive in concert event was very successful

3. HUNT Center:
 - a. CARE program now being offered to assist parents with virtual learning support and childcare. Revising track out camp to support online learning.
 - b. Group Fitness: streaming classes and outdoor fitness at Ting with shade & fans.
4. Greenways:
 - a. Pecan Grove greenway easement. Phase II approved in 2018 greenway with two bridges to connect to Carl Dean Greenway. Excited about this link.

5. Bass Lake:
 - a. F3 Fitness group continues to assist with trail mulching since usual mulching group was not able to.
6. Jones Park:
 - a. Water repairs being made.
 - b. Disc golf course CADL to help complete the course. Looking toward Jan. completion.
 - i. 75-80 attended a “reopening” event in early September. They maintain, ToHS provides supplies.
 - ii. Working to get disc golf course up to par. Pun intended Adam?

7. Sugg Park:

Restroom arrived. Utilities and hardscape still needs to be installed.

New Business

1. Director Plumer circulated a summary of the Updates on impacts of Covid & conveyed the pride she has in her staff regarding their innovation throughout. Creativity and flexibility cannot be mentioned enough.
 - a. Families excited to have playgrounds back open.
 - b. Hunt Center reopened with limited hours and special hours for higher risk constituents.
 - c. Walking track remains closed for extra precaution. The gym is available for walking.
 - d. Outdoor facilities are open with group gathering restrictions.
 - e. Indoor facility rentals & field rentals available per gathering and contact sport governances.
 - f. Teddy Bear picnic, sidewalk chalk contests.
 - g. CARE Program offered to assist working parents with curriculum support and keeping them active and engaged.
 - h. Sign ups by the day or week. Most are at capacity

2. Holly Fest has been canceled but Town will offer several smaller Fall events to maintain community identify and pride. For example, Artisan Market (like Farmers Market), Haunted Trail walk.

3. Revenue: Credits given for Fall sports plus less offerings had an impact on revenue. Ting continues to be successful.
 - a. Expenses: down this year which give P&R some savings due to Covid. Helps reach a balance with decreased revenue.

Announcements/Information Share

Hunt Center as an early voting site with Kid’s activities going Town is working on logistics for keeping everyone safe.

Adjournment

Motion: Lenny Lloyd

Second: Val Atkinson

Next meeting in October potentially in person at a park facility, law enforcement center or Zoom

Meeting Adjourned 8:31.