

Advisory board meeting call to order by Jonathan Fainter on October 29, 2019 at 7:04pm.

Bruce Alger – District #1
Rhonda Lively – District #3
Jonathan Fainter – District #5
Chad Pangle – District #6
Larry Beazley – At Large
Olivia Hutton – At Large
Dick Neese – Board of Supervisor
Sonya William-Giersh – School Board

Bruce Alger motion to accept minutes from April 29, 2019 meeting, Larry Beazley seconded

Directors Report

Wagoner property is at a standstill right now as the heirs are suing the county to take the property back from the county. Stating that the county has not done what was stated in the will. As far as we think, the county has followed the will and was trying to respect Miss Iva, who had life estate at the house on the property. We have held are fishing tournaments there since we have obtained the property. Parks and Rec has hosted two overnight archery camps on the property, used the property as a jeep stop for the Jeep-O-Wrama poker run. County is willing to do what need to be done to keep the property. Parks and Rec can continue to do activities there until told different.

Looking at starting an access road into Keister through grants and possibly through Fund from the Game Inland Fishery for a boat landing. Try to work towards a new Master Plan

County Park has the new paving trail and it's being accessed by many different people, bike riders, walkers, runners, handicap and dog walking. We do plan to have different events at the park that will include using the paved walking trail. Total cost of the paved walking trail was \$93,000, very well worth it. Still trying to clean up at the park, removing brush, tearing out the old fence row and replacing it, removing Ash trees that are dead. We have also contracted with a local person to remove the Ash trees that are too big for park employees to remove.

Starting in Spring of 2020 we will building a retaining wall behind field #1 that is like the one on field #3. The cost of this project is projected to be around \$70,000.

We are also asking for donations for benches at the park. We are looking to put between 8-10 around the park and we do already have 1 donation.

Field #3 behind has been cleaned up and in the spring plant grass seed. We have had the inmates make more rock gardens from the rocks that we have broken up and removed from around the park.

Budget

Asked Advisory board members to rank 1-17 on CIP list.

Bounce houses are not on the CIP list because the cost is below \$5000 and must be \$5000 or higher to be on CIP. We are hoping to have enough funds in our program budget to purchase bounce houses. Bounce houses would pay for themselves in a short time. We would rent them out at Charter House when someone rents for a birthday party and we use bounce houses for at least 4 events throughout the year.

Parking and bathrooms near the tennis courts has something that has been asked about a lot. We have the basketball court, tennis courts, start of the disc golf course and the walking trail can be started there.

We would like to be able to upgrade the maintenance shop/concession stand at the park. This is being used more and more as we are hosting more fast pitch tournaments.

Parks and Rec is looking to purchase a school bus from the schools to be used for KidzRec, camps, ski clubs and parades.

Camp Waonaze won the Best New Program award at the Virginia Recreational Parks Society conference for 2019.

Starting in fiscal year 2021, Parks and rec program budget will become a revolving budget. Meaning the money that we make in trips, programs, events and leagues will stay with Parks and Rec. Usually there is a \$30,000-\$40,000 positive variance at the end of each fiscal year.

November 13th is the budget kickoff meeting

Winter/Spring Rec Guide will be mailed out the last week of December. We will be doing a RecTrac upgrade in December.

Special Events

Blue Grass Festival at the park

Halloween event

KidzRec is up by 50% at the Ashby Lee site.

Committee Reports – N/A

Old Business

Field trips to the parks in spring of 2020

Foundation, would like to see this get setup

Possible grant from Town of Woodstock/County for water retention garden area.

New Business

Meeting dates for 2020

January 21st, 2020

April 21st, 2020

September 22nd, 2020

December 8th, 2020

May need to schedule a special meeting if something was to come up with the Wagoner lawsuit.

Selection of officers

Olivia Hutton nominated Jonathan Fainter to stay on as chair and Rhonda Lively seconded

Rhonda Lively nominated Becky Lambert to stay on as vice chair and Bruce Alger seconded.

Town/District/School

New Market – Town has included in the budget \$10,000 for improvements at Rebel Park. Coach Weber made a gracious donation after his passing for Rebel Park. Pickleball starting at the Community center and town will be painting lines at the park. Open gym and yoga at the community center is staying busy.

Edinburg – Trick or Treating on October 31st from 6-9pm and the town will vote on best decorated house.

To Do's

May need to have a special meeting about Wagoner property if something comes up with the lawsuit.

Next meeting will be held on January 21st, 2020

Rhonda Lively adjourned the meeting at 7:52 and Bruce Alger seconded .