

Minutes of the Hyde County Recreation Committee's
April 17, 2013

Board Members Present:

Ron Gabriel
Anthony Roper
Ben Simmons
Danny Thomas
Charles Tooley
Brian Carter
Kris Harris

Dick Tunnell, County Commissioner
Representative
Kris Noble, Staff Liaison
Averi Simmons, Staff Liaison
Liz Mumm, Staff Liaison
Bill Rich, County Manager

Absent:

Charles Sears
Darrell Pugh
Chad Spencer

Others Present:

Ron Gabriel called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Ben Simmons gave an opening prayer for the meeting.

Reading and Approval of March 19, 2013 Minutes

Brian Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2013 meeting. Anthony Roper Seconded the motion. The motion carried on the following vote:

Ayes – Gabriel, Roper, B. Simmons, Thomas, Tooley, Carter, Harris Nays – None Absent – Sears, Pugh, Spencer

Reports from the Chairman and Committee

Gabriel – Nothing to report.

Tooley – Nothing to report.

Mumm – Gave overview of the last Local Physical Activity and Nutrition (LPAN) meeting. A report has been compiled giving details of the County's walking trails including maps of each trail.

Thomas – Reported that the canals along roads aren't being cleaned out as they should. He suggested a youth spring clean-up day/weekend with a luncheon. He also reported that Hyde County Babe Ruth baseball and softball would start the weekend of April 26 & 27, 2013, with a total of 10 teams.

B. Simmons – Explained that it is difficult for summer league ball teams to get in enough practice time due to using the ball fields at Mattamuskeet High School simultaneously with the school's ball teams. He said he would like there to be separate ball fields for summer teams separate from the school.

Roper – Willing to assist with the spring clean-up.

Tunnell – Thanked the committee members for serving. Said he attended the Hyde Partners for Health and LPAN meetings. Also reported that he is seeing a lot of walkers on Hyde County's walking trails.

Harris – Nothing to report.

Carter – Reported that summer league baseball and softball is up and going on Ocracoke and that AAU basketball would be starting soon. There are many people already playing community league basketball. The bike trail is getting a lot of use. Said the Ocracoke Island 10k/5k and 1 Mile family Fun Run will be held on April 27, 2013, and is looking to be a big event. He visited the site of the new community park and ball field.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed Ordinance Changes

There were changes to the current Recreation Committee Ordinance that needed to be made to reflect the current Committee's wishes. Those changes are as follows:

- Officers - Allow a County staff liaison to be designated as Secretary in a non-voting position, change election of officers to the last meeting of each calendar year, taking office at the first meeting of each calendar year.
- Officer's Duties – A nominating committee is to be appointed at least 30 days prior to the last meeting of each calendar year.

A revised ordinance will be presented to the Committee at the May meeting for adoption and to be submitted to the Hyde Board of Commissioners for approval.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

There were changes to the current Recreation Committee Bylaws that needed to be made to reflect the current Committee's wishes. Those changes are as follows:

- Article 1.a. – Meetings will be held at the Hyde Government Center and the Ocracoke School Commons via teleconferencing equipment on a quarterly basis unless determined otherwise by the Committee.
- Article 2.a. - Allow a County staff liaison to be designated as Secretary in a non-voting position, change election of officers to the last meeting of each calendar year.
- Article 2.b. – Officers to take office at the first meeting of each calendar year.
- Article 6.b.3. – Omit mention of Dare County Parks & Recreation.
- Article 6.b.4. - A nominating committee is to be appointed at least 30 days prior to the last meeting of each calendar year.
- Article 7 – Change due date of annual reports to the first and second meeting of each calendar year.

A revised set of bylaws will be presented to the Committee at the May meeting for adoption and to be submitted to the Hyde Board of Commissioners for approval.

New Business:

Goal Setting

Kris Noble reminded the Committee about Mr. Moler's advice from the March meeting to set goals in order to form a more defined direction for the Committee. Danny Thomas said that his main goal is to build separate ball fields from the school, as there are anywhere from 150 to 170 children that play

summer ball, making practice and game times difficult to schedule. He also wants to look into a joint-use agreement with Hyde County Schools. Ron Gabriel said he would like to see an increase in youth activity such as starting a basketball league on the mainland. He also stated he wanted to organize more parent participation in youth programs and overall get everybody moving.

Anthony Roper made a motion to adjourn. Ben Simmons seconded the motion. The motion carried on the following vote:

Ayes – Gabriel, Roper, B. Simmons, Thomas, Tooley, Carter, Harris
Pugh, Spencer


Nays – None Absent – Sears,

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted this the 19th day of June, 2013 by:

Averi Simmons, Hyde County Staff Liaison

Approved, this the 19th day of June, 2013 by:

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Chairman, Hyde County Recreation Committee