

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee  
August 5, 2013  
6:30 pm

Council Chambers

Minutes & General Account

Parks & Recreation Members Present: Lawrence Straughn, Chair; Lynn Tice, Charles Dowdy, Al Bartko, Jill Jarrell (Alt. for Shanna Moore), Steve Owen (Alt. for Deepa Reddy), and Robert Pickett

Staff Present: Chuck Smith, Matthew Johnson, John Crowe and Martha Wolfe

Visitors Present: Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News, Bruce Dillon, Chair of the Jamestown Veterans Committee.

1. Call to Order – Lawrence Straughn called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes from the June 2013 meeting - Charles Dowdy made a motion to approve the June 3, 2013 minutes as presented. Al Bartko made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Presentation from the Jamestown Veterans Committee – Bruce Dillon, Committee Chair, displayed a new drawing from the architect.

Side #1 will have engraved:  
“We Honor All Who Have Served”

There will be the seals from all the branches of military service and the campaigns from WWI up to the Iraqi War.

On side 2 will have engraved:  
Jamestown WWII Veterans  
“All gave some and some gave all.”

The monument will have printed the 3 panels from the original Jamestown Honor Role.  
The Honor Role is up to about 300 names; 15 that were killed in action.

The granite was ordered in mid-April and should be in Texas sometime this month. The Jamestown Veterans Committee will send the names & wording that is to be engraved on the monument to the granite company this week. They will send back a proof for the committee to approve. The granite company will need about 30-45 days to get the wording laser etched into the granite. Plans are to have the granite here sometime in October. They have a local contractor ready to install the granite monument. They plan to go ahead and install the granite and cover it until the actual dedication date of the Park. The Jamestown Veterans Committee plans to have this installation and the installation of the flag pole by Veteran’s Day. The Committee has raised enough money to pay for the granite and the Flag Pole. They continue to work raising money for the lighting. The estimate for the lighting is \$7200.00. To

date, they have sold 83 bricks and have raised about \$40,000.00 from brick sales & private donations. They have not received any corporate donations but will concentrate efforts on that part.

Dillon stated he has had some preliminary discussions with Chuck Smith regarding the Park Dedication. No details at this time.

Straughn asked which side will face Guilford Rd. Dillon answered that side #1 will face Guilford Rd. since this represents all the branches of service and all of the military conflicts. Plans are to place the WWII Veterans memorial bricks on the WWII monument side.

4. Introduction of John Crowe, Parks Superintendent – Chuck introduced John Crowe our new Parks Superintendent. John has been with us about 2 months. He stated he has about 15 years' experience as a superintendent in the golf course business. John said he came from a small private club. They went through a greens renovation last year. It was done around June. They went to Champion Bermuda grass. It was very successful. The course was down about 7 weeks.

John said he has plans to improve and dress up the golf course. Especially improve the tee boxes and greens. He said the course is in good shape. Smith said that John has a lot of great ideas for the course. John will draft a business plan with projects to be address now and in the next 2 – 3 years. Smith said John brings a lot of experience with course renovation to Jamestown. Looking ahead, staffing for John is trying to hire people that already have the skill sets to be able to do renovation work in-house as needed. Some projects will have to be contracted out.

Robert Pickett asked John if he had looked at the Business Renovation Plan that was prepared a few year ago. John said he had and that there were a lot of good ideas in the plan. One being bunker renovation, which he feels can be done in-house, possibly do 4 or 5 a year. He would like to make golf fun for everyone. He feels it is a great course with a great lay-out. He looks forward to doing these projects.

5. Progress report on the Wrenn-Miller Park Project – Johnson said the site is beautiful. We anticipate having the pads poured and the electricity run for the amphitheater and picnic shelter in a couple of weeks. (Waiting on Guilford County permit approval)

We have just sent out request for bids on the sidewalk and landscaping. We anticipate the steel for the amphitheater will be up by early September. Right after that we will install the sidewalks and landscaping. Benches and tables will be installed at this time as well. All the benches are sold. Still have 2 sets of tables and chairs left for sponsorships. The Girl Scouts donated a Pet Waste Station. A Scout will do an Eagle Scout Project by building an Arbor over one of the benches.

Jamestown Rotary Club has offered a sponsorship of \$2,500.00 toward the picnic shelter. Johnson said we have about \$14,000.00 in donations. Bricks & pavers are still for sale. The Town has received sponsorship of 2 trees; one in memory of Willard Moore by the Jamestown Lions Club. The target date of the Park Dedication is Veteran's Days on November 11, 2013. Johnson said we plan for a large celebration.

6. Other Business – The Town Clerk stated that Deepa Reddy has taken a job transfer to Charlotte. She must therefore, resign. Steve Owen, alternate, has agreed to serve as an active member on the Parks & Recreation Committee. This item is on the August Council Agenda to appoint him as an active member.

Jill Jarrell is an alternate. We try to keep 2 alternates. So, we have an opening for another alternate. She asked if anyone knew of someone that was interested in serving as an alternate to please have then call her.

Chuck Smith said at the next Council meeting; Tom Tervo and Shanna Moore are going to speak on behalf of the Friends of the Park and the JGA. Parks & Recreation Committee members are invited to attend. The date is August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Straughn said that there was not a Guilford County Parks & Recreation Committee meeting this month.

Robert Pickett made a motion to adjourn. Al Bartko made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.