

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
May 2, 2011
6:30 pm
Council Chambers
Minutes & General Account

Parks & Recreation Members present: Lawrence Straughn, Chair; Al Bartko, Vice Chair; Charles Dowdy, Fred Kelly
Lynn Tice

Staff Present: Chuck Smith, Matthew Johnson and Martha Wolfe

Visitors Present: Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News

1. Call to Order – Lawrence Straughn called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes from the March 7, 2011 meeting – Fred Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Al Bartko made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Fred Kelly asked if staff plans a grand opening at the Golf Course now that the irrigation system replacement is complete. Smith said nothing is planned at this time.

3. Update on the Jamestown Golf Course Irrigation System Project – Chuck Smith stated that work is still in progress. Staff verified terms of the original contract which stated the completion date was April 15, 2011. It was determined that there were 18 weather days of which the contractor could not work. The new substantial completion date is May 11, 2011.

Smith reported that the pumps are installed, working and the system is charged. The Contractor is still working on connecting the fairways. Smith stated so far, the Town is satisfied with the contractor and his work.

4. Discussion of possible donation items for Jamestown Park & Golf Course – Smith shared several product catalogs. There are lots of ideas and choices. As previously discussed, the Town has adopted a Streetscape Improvement Program and a Wrenn Miller Sponsorship Program. Staff would like to develop and adopt a Jamestown Park Sponsorship Program.

Smith reported that the Entrance sign on E. Fork Road to the Jamestown Park is a sponsor sign by Flowers Bakery and Pepsi. Plans are to request these businesses renew their sponsorship. Smith said we have had some interest in sponsorships for Tee Markers. The Town Manager and the Golf Pro are working on arriving at the dollar amount for a Tee Marker sponsorship.

The Parks & Recreation Committee discussed donation of items such as:

Brick pavers
Tables
Trash receptacles
Hole in One Brick Program
Recycling receptacles
Benches – different styles and prices
Items for the patio area at the Clubhouse

Smith asked the Parks & Recreation Committee to continue to think of ideas for the Jamestown Park & Golf Course Sponsorship Program. Please let staff know of any additional ideas you may have.

Al Bartko thought the back patio at the Clubhouse could really be improved. He recently toured two new parks in Greensboro. One park consisted of approximately 1 acre with a water fountain statue and brick pavers. He thought it was very pretty with a very classy appearance. Bartko could see doing something like that on the patio at the Golf Course; water fountains, Benches, flags, brick pavers.

Lawrence Straughn – stated we could keep offering what we have as a consistent theme, but if someone liked a different style we could have a different style to show them.

Smith stated if funds are available, the Town will do a 50% match with a sponsor or a sponsor may purchase 100% of the donation item. The Donor has some say in the location of the item. Staff has a general plan for location and the donor may select items and location from that plan.

Smith said the Clubhouse is in need of a new awing. The cost is \$6300.00 - \$6500.00. In looking at renovation of the patio, we are seeking Corporate Sponsors for the awning. Smith stated surprisingly the brick on the patio is in good shape. Bartko said the Hole-in-One Brick Program is a program that we can start small and then get bigger.

Charles Dowdy asked about a Flag Pole and Flag at the entrance on E. Fork Rd. or on the patio. Dowdy stated he was in Clearwater, Florida recently and saw some flags that had a solar cell on the top of the pole which lights up the flag during the night. This eliminates the cost of wiring for a spot light. Dowdy asked staff to get a price on this and he will present it to the Jamestown Rotary Club.

5. Discussion of Wrenn-Miller Park Project – Matthew Johnson stated he would like to see a Civic Group pledge to assist in the Wrenn-Miller Park Project. In looking at the cost of the project, it is too much for the Town to do at one time. We will have to do the Park in a Phase approach. Johnson said he asked HadenStanziale to reduce the scope of the plan. The Town is in a time constraint. The Town received a PARTF grant to help with the purchase of the property. One of the stipulations of the PARTF grant was that construction of the Park would begin within 5 years. The Town has 3 years left to do that Park construction. The PARTF is a 50/50% match. The Town plans to do a phase 1 and 2. Johnson would like to see a gazebo constructed in the phase I. That would be a great Rotary Club project.

Johnson stated he will try to get a gazebo plan and a budget for the gazebo. We need to know the amount of money involved when Committee Members or staff seeks sponsorships. To date, we have several bricks and benches donated for the Wrenn Miller Park.

6. Other Business – Charles Dowdy said he knows of at least 4 families that would donate benches to the Town to be installed on Oakdale Rd. once a sidewalk is installed.

Again, please give any ideas you have for items of donation to Chuck Smith or town staff.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2011.

Member Dowdy made a motion to adjourn. Kelly made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 7:21 pm.