



## RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2017

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- Commission Chair Ben Easterling called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

### **II. ROLL CALL**

- Commission members present: Shuntel Beach, Jamie Bendall, Kevin Johnson, Melissa Jurgens, Jarrett Long, Bill Lubsy, Dennis Mitchell, Wendi Schutt
- Commission absent:
- City staff present: Interim Director of Recreation & Parks Lisa Gurganus, Parks Manager Eric Milley, Recreation & Parks Office Manager Alice Smith, Special Events Manager Kim Dodson
- City Council: Jason Binder

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9,2017**

- Motion by Mr. Lusby to approve the minutes of February 9, 2017 as written. Second by Mrs. Schutt.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- Fulton County is donating the Log Cabin at Milton Center to the City of Alpharetta
- The cabin has to be moved by December
- Commission suggested meeting with Alpharetta Historical Society to discuss relocation of the cabin
- The City budgeted \$50,000 to apply towards moving the cabin; AHS is raising funds for the balance of the cost

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS – None**

### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Administration** – Mr. Long

- Discussed parking issues on Commission meeting nights beginning in April due to construction and Food Truck Alley; would like to investigate the possibility of changing meeting days
- Discussed MOU with Milton and Milton Steelers football program

B. **Parks** – Mr. Bendall

- Met with a gentleman who would like to paint murals on the water pipes along the Greenway
- We cannot give approval as these are property of Fulton County

C. **Recreation** – Mr. Mitchell

- City of Milton is revisiting the MOU with Alpharetta
- Losing field space at Milton Center in Spring 2018; the committee has discussed several options on relocating those games/practices
- Will bring changes/solutions back to the Commission once finalized

• **Cultural Arts** – Mrs. Schutt

- Alpharetta Arts will hold a fundraiser this Saturday from 4:30-6:30 at Vino 100
- Contract negotiations are going on for the art sculpture project
- Met with Houzer Walker Architects and finalized the selections for finishes inside the arts center; discussed trails in front of the Arts Center, drainage options and the pocket park across the street
- Goal is to finalized construction documents and get them out to bid; plans are to open center in spring or summer 2018
- Spring classes going well; seeking counselors for upcoming art camp

## VIII. **PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. **AYSA** – Mr. Bendall

- Martin Charlton discussed issues with the shade structures at North Park softball fields
- Members of the board brought their rendering of the memorial plaque they want to install at North Park
- This plaque would honor two girls, Kayla Canedo and Brittany Feldman, who were killed in a car crash last year; these girls grew up in the AYSA program and are considered part of the AYSA community
- The placement of this memorial would be seen as you walk up to Field 7 near the batting cages; plaque would be installed low to the ground with flowers planted around it
- Motion by Mr. Lusby to approve the installation of the memorial plaque at North Park contingent upon staff approval of the location and installation plan. Second by Mrs. Beach.  
**All in favor. Motion carried.**

B. **AYBA** – Mrs. Jurgens

- The board met and discussed having a larger event for opening day next year; something that would draw the community out to the park
- They would like a parade and a 5K race; discussed the issues relating with road closures
- Kim Dodson offered to speak with members of the board regarding road races and possible alternatives

C. **NAFL** – Mr. Lusby

- No report

D. **NMML** – Mrs. Beach

- Continuing with program registration; season begins April 8<sup>th</sup>

E. **Ambush** – Mr. Mitchell

- Games have started and everything is running smoothly

IX. **SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT** - KIM DODSON

- Staff is busy planning Taste of Alpharetta; to date there are 42 restaurants lined up; also working with community partners
- This is the busy time of the year working on upcoming spring events; could be some location changes due to the construction and road closings

X. **PARK SERVICE'S REPORT** – ERIC MILLEY

- **Wills Park**
- Pro-Grass replaced the home plate area on field 4
- Concrete pads are poured, now waiting on building package for the batting cage pavilion
- Opening day ceremony for AYBA will be Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Rock Mill Park**
- Repaired another washout/sink hole down by the YMCA
- Repairs will begin on the metal rails that cross under Old Milton Parkway along the trail (where a car hit the railing and ran into the creek)
- **Webb Bridge Park**
- Several repairs/patches were done on the artificial turf field
- Construction is still ongoing for the spectator seating; pictures were handed out and everyone was pleased with the looks and progress
- **North Park**
- Staff is working on replacement of some of the wood fencing
- Busy working on the batting erosion on Field 7

XI. **EQUESTRIAN REPORT** – No Report

XII. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – LISA GURGANUS

- Spring sports and programs are underway
- Registration and planning for summer camps continue
- Staff is working on plans for the fall/winter recreation guide
- FY2017 project status report was distributed
- Progress is being made on the reconfiguration of our work order system software; implementation expected by summer
- Park system wayfinding signage project continues; a handout with the proposed style of signs to be recommended in the final plan was distributed; this received positive feedback; staff will continue working with the design team on recommended placement of signs and cost per park to implement the plan

XIII. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT** – COUNCILMAN JASON BINDER

- Council approved the two city parking decks; one behind SmokeJack's on Old Roswell Street and the other on Milton Avenue near Rest Haven Cemetery
- Plan to start construction on the Milton Avenue site first and once completed will start the second deck

- Working on a temporary parking lot while the decks are being built

XIV. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - NONE**

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Beach. Second by Mrs. Jurgens.
- All in favor. Motion carried
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm
- April meeting date TBD