



Franklin County Recreation Commission Board Meeting Minutes October 11, 2018 6:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Kenneth Roach
Michelle Whitworth
Wesley Varner
Orie Hurt

Absent:

Michael Rich

Staff:

Recreation Director Randall Gailey

Guest/Public:

Eddie Wester, Franklin County District 4 Commissioner
Mr. and Mrs. Brent Howell

Item 1: Call meeting to order- Chairman Roach called the October meeting to order.

Item 2: Invocation- Orie Hurt led invocation.

Item 3: Approval of minutes- Orie Hurt made motion to approve August minutes and Wesley Varner seconded.

Item 4: Public comment:

Soccer program Concerns.

Mr. Howell approached the board with concerns about the soccer program. Mr. Howell coaches a 14U team and states that half the kids are playing up in age. He's concerned about the tier group that Ga Soccer has the team placed. He has been speaking with Mrs. Kim Bowen of Ga Soccer, and understood, we were placed a little late therefore in this bracket. We are playing games against teams out of the Atlanta, & Gainesville areas and are not competing whatsoever. He doesn't want the children to get discouraged and quit playing.

He would like the information to drop to lower tier, as the Rapids group played.

Last year our program suffered due to price point with the Rapids organization, and he believes that our coaches, parents and players would benefit from the change.

Other options are to play "recreation" with other programs such as Hart Co and possibly Fair Play. If we do not sign up Under Ga Soccer, we will have to find teams to play in house and the Recreation Dept. will be responsible for referees (uncertified) and coaches and scheduling. There are only two certified referees in this area who also coach so their availability is limited. We have been using uncertified refs for some GA Soccer games for this reason.

Randall will call Ga Soccer and discuss options to go to lower tier and we will finalize decisions after we speak with other coaches (specifically Chris Allen and Frankie Peeples) and referees to concur with their concerns. Orie Hurt made motion to grant Randall authority to decide on Ga Soccer and Wesley Varner seconded. All were in favor.

Basketball season is here! Fees will be \$70 for all ages. Wesley Varner made motion for the price change and Michelle Whitworth seconded. All were in favor. We were given an example of jerseys and discussed that NO jersey will be altered. FCRD or sponsor will be placed on the back. Team names and numbers will be placed on uniforms as well. Orie Hurt made motion and Wesley Varner seconded. All were in favor.

Grants for bettering our park.

We are looking into land and water conservation grants from DNR and Georgia Power for future walking trail, playground, and scoreboards for the park.

Mr. Wester suggested to contact Georgia Mountain Regional Committee for applications and grant writing.

Chairman Roach recognized BOC member Eddie Wester for his continued commitment to our committee. We currently have 2 board member positions available, and they are looking diligently into fulfilling those.

Orie Hurt motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Varner, and all approved.