

**Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency
Advisory Board**

**October 11, 2017 – Cherokee Hall
Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM**

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Chairman Nelms, Vice Chairman White, Steve Pressley, Carlos Carbetta, Director Reynolds and CRPA Staff. Absent: Amy Turcotte

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The August 9, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Steve Pressley, second by Carlos Carbetta. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

There were no appearances/public comments.

4. Reports

a. Chairman

No Report

b. Board Members

There were no reports from any board members

c. Director

i. Agency Update

Director Reynolds told the board all of our summer programming has concluded. Strut Your Mutt took place on August 26. It was well attended, and over 50 dogs and 150 people in attendance. Paws in the Pool was held on October 1st. There were 189 dogs at this event. There were so many large dogs registered that a second time had to be added to accommodate them. As soon as Paws in the Pool is over the pool is drained and sanitized with fresh water. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on October 3rd for Cherokee Veterans Park. The next upcoming events are: Touch a Truck will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Cherokee Fire and Training Facility. Cherokee Youth Basketball is now taking registration for High School teams and late registration. There are over 3,500 k-8th grade registered at this time. We are using every Elementary School, Charter, Trinity Presbyterian and Old Ballground gyms to accommodate CYB. CYB's -assessments will be held October 23-28, practices will start October 30th and opening weekend will be December 2, 2017. Food Truck Friday is October 20th at the Recreation Center from 6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear their costumes, because the theme is Halloween. Director Reynolds invited the board to come to the Chamber of Commerce Regional Issues on October 20th. He will update the attendees about the \$90 million Parks Bond program.

ii. Consider Designation of Kenney Askew Park Multi-Purpose Field as a Practice Facility – Director Reynolds discussed the following issues that are causing the need for Kenney Askew Park to become a practice facility. At Kenney Askew there is limited parking, no concessions available, aging

athletic field lights, the press box is dilapidated and no longer safe. Under the Athletic Field Use Policy and at the discretion of staff, the field may be used for an occasional game when other facilities are not available, every effort will be made to schedule games at other locations. Based upon these factors, CRPA staff recommends that Kenney Askew should be a practice facility, once CYFA's season is complete. A motion by Steve Pressley, second by Vice Chairman White to consider designation of Kenney Askew Park Multi-Purpose Field as a practice field. Motioned carried 4-0.

- iii. **Consider Designation of Certain Areas of Parks for Flying "Unmanned Aerial Systems" as Recommended by Staff-** Director Reynolds called on Michael Brantley, Parks Division Director who explained to the board about a situation where an aerial system got away from a gentleman and it crashed into the turf field at Veterans Park. Under Section 42-56 of the Cherokee County Ordinances for the Use of parks and Recreational Facilities, the county reserves the right to designate areas with county parks for the use of "Use of Engine-Powered Models, Toys and Unmanned Aerial Systems". The county also reserves the right to establish rules, regulations and restrictions for their use. Requests for a space in which to participate in this activity are increasing. The fields at Riverside Athletic Complex have been used unofficially for this purpose for several years. Therefore, CRPA staff recommends designating the multipurpose fields at Riverside Athletic Complex as an approved area for the operation of unmanned aerial systems within certain parameters, rules and regulation for the operation of UAS will be established by CRPA's staff, reviewed by county legal counsel and approved by the director. A motion by Chairman Nelms, second by Vice Chairman White to consider the multipurpose fields at Riverside Athletic Complex and the exclusion of all other parks. Motion carried 4-0.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Mandating CPR/AED Training for Volunteer Youth Sports Coaches

Director Reynolds informed the board about an email sent from Jacqueline Burk to Chairman Ahrens. Ms. Burk's goal is to improve the safety of the children playing within the youth sports leagues; therefore, she wanted to recommend a policy that will require all youth sports coaches that coach within any league in Cherokee County to have an active CPR and AED certification. Ms. Burk is a registered nurse in the pediatric emergency department at Wellstar Cobb Hospital, and a graduate student at Chamberlain University where she obtained her masters of science in nursing degree. While some counties and cities have staff with CPR/AED training, no one mandates training for all volunteer coaches. All of CRPA's full time and some part time staff have a 2 year certificate in CPR/AED training. If safety is the primary goal, this can be achieved by increasing the number of AED's in active parks and creating a program where our staff can offer training to the youth sports coaches.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Chairman Nelms to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m., second by Carlos Carbetta. Motioned carried 4-0.