

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

**Cherokee Hall – December 13, 2017
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, Steve Pressley, Carlos Carbetta, Director Reynolds and CRPA Staff. Absent: Vice Chairman Pressley White, Amy Turcotte

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

The October 11, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Steve Pressley, second by Carlos Carbetta. Motion carried 3-0.

3) Appearances/Public Comment

Ashley Petty with Creekview Girls Lacrosse was present to donate an AED to Cherokee Veterans Park. Thomas Hartwell with the Cherokee Tribune was in attendance of the meeting.

4) Reports

a) Chairman

i) 2018 Meeting Dates

Chairman Nelms discussed the 2018 advisory board meeting schedule with the members. Director Reynolds informed the members that they have the ability to add a work session or have a special call meeting. They would just need to advertise the meeting 24 hours in advance. Carlos Carbetta indicated that Wednesday, February 14, 2018 was Valentine's Day. So, Wednesday, February 14th was changed to Tuesday, February 13. A motion by Steve Pressley to approve the 2018 advisory board meeting schedule, second by Carlos Carbetta. Motion carried 3-0.

b) Board Members

There were no reports from any board members

c) Director

i) Agency Update

Director Reynolds thanked Mr. Petty with Creekview Girls Lacrosse for the AED that they generously donated to Cherokee Veterans Park. The County has purchase 6 AED's and the goal is to have an AED in all of our sports complexes by the end of the year. The Youth Athletic Associations will have their annual meeting on Wednesday, December 20th.

Director Reynolds told the board that a few of the Parks suffered some storm damage, and insurance claims have been filed for the damage.

Cherokee Youth Basketball has gotten underway. Director Reynolds referred to Shawn Schumacher for any CYB updates. Shawn told the board that there are 3,600 participants registered in grades 1-8

and 91 High School teams. There are approximately 4,500 participants registered altogether and CYB numbers are up from last year. There was brief discussion on makeup and rescheduling of some games, due to the inclement weather. Chairman Nelms commended the staff on a job well done so far with CYB.

Director Reynolds told the Board that we received the District 5 Innovative Program Award for *Strut Your Mutt*, and we also received the GRPA State Visibility Marketing Award for the Senior Adventure Camp flyer. With the addition of our new Therapeutic Coordinator, our TR programming is really growing. It is High School swim season at the Aquatics Center.

ii) Proposed Updates to Youth Athletic Association Manual

(1) Revising Section for "Securing Sport Specific Equipment"

Adds language requiring YAA's to provide CRPA a key or combo for any equipment locked up in county parks such as soccer or lacrosse goals.

(2) Revising Section for "Maintenance and Responsibility Guidelines"

Adds language requiring YAA's to remove bases at the end of each day's play on baseball/softball fields.

(3) Adding an economic impact report section for each YAA,

This report will help the county track the economic impact of tournaments held in our parks by YAA's.

(4) Revising "Lightning Recommendations".

Updates the severe weather policies to allow for the use of mobile apps to track lightning and sets a minimum distance when players must be removed from the fields.

These changes were approved on a motion by Chairman Nelms, second by Steve Pressley to update the Youth Association Manual revisions. Motioned carried 3-0.

iii) Proposed Updates to the Athletic Field Use Policy

(1) Increase cost for initial field setup on multipurpose fields to be \$150, previously \$125.

(2) Redefine the word "field" to include courts, rinks, etc.

These changes were approved for recommendation to the BOC on a motion by Steve Pressley, second by Carlos Carbetta to update the Athletic Field Use Policy. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Nelms made a request to reopen Appearances/Public Comment.

Lynn Holtzclaw wanted to discuss some concerns relating to Cherokee Youth Basketball with the Board. Ms. Holtzclaw stated that she has been involved with CYB for twenty-three years, and every year has been great with the exception of this year. Ms. Holtzclaw informed the Board that she feels that every person wanting to play CYB should be given the opportunity to play. There was a list of 26 participants seeking to get on a team, be picked to be on a team from the free agent's list or form a team of their own. For those 26 participants on the list, this did not happen. They did not get a call, or get picked or placed on a team. She feels that this was unfair. She knew of a participant that had played CYB since second grade that did not get chosen, another participants that worked to get the money to pay for CYB registration and purchase athletic

shoes to play. Because these participants never got called to be on a team, she told the Board this just was not right. Last year when they had the meet and greet, or got to choose your friends and teammates to form a team this worked well. Ms. Holtzclaw told the Board that she was available to help with CYB any way that she can. She will coach or contact participants, because CYB is supposed to be for the children. She wants someone to fix it.

Chairman Nelms told Ms. Holtzclaw that the Board appreciates her coming to the meeting to express her concerns, comments and emails. Chairman Nelms told Ms. Holtzclaw that CYB has grown steadily each year, since CRPA has taken the program over. The Board realizes that there are a lot of parts that goes into the program, and has faith in what CRPA's staff will do moving forward. The Board promises that we will continue to work to improve the program because it is about the kids.

5) New Business

There was no new business.

6) Old Business

There was no old business.

7) Adjourn

Motion by Chairman Nelms to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m., second by Carlos Carbetta. Motioned carried 3-0.