

## Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2015 – Cherokee Hall

Work Session– 5:30 PM

#### 1. Update from Director

##### a. Update on Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Green Space and Trails Master Plan

Cherokee County is preparing to embark on a planning effort that will result in the creation of a new Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Green Space and Trails Master Plan. The purpose of this project is to develop a community supported plan that directly relates to the mission of the County and provides guidance to better prioritize, fund, develop and manage parks, recreation facilities, green spaces, trails and recreation programs over the next ten (10) years 2017-2027.

##### b. Discussion on Volunteer Background Check Disqualifiers

In 2011, the advisory board and Board of Commissioners last approved changes to the background check policies including the list of disqualifying offenses. These changes were based on staff recommendations and brought our disqualifiers up-to-date with best practice recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association. Recently there has been some movement in those disqualifiers on the national level, specifically as they relate to alcohol and drug misdemeanors. The board referenced an attachment for them to review and discuss the current recommendations by NRPA, Operation TLC & SSCI (our background check provider) and CRPA's current policy. The board discussed the different options, recommendations, number of years of each misdemeanor and felony offenses and breakdowns of disqualifications in recent years. They also talked about the lifetime bans. There was no action required. The Volunteer Background Check disqualifiers will be reviewed in the next meeting.

##### c. Youth Sports Champions Day – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Director Reynolds told the board on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. the Board of Commissioners would recognize the youth sport players of Cherokee County who had won any State or Higher Award.

#### 2. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

##### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Nelms called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Those present: Jason Nelms, Chairperson, Robert Strozier, Vice Chairperson, Amy Turcotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, Steve Pressley, CRPA Director Bryan Reynolds and CRPA Staff.

##### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Robert Strozier motioned to approve the previous minutes. Amy Turcotte seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

##### 3. Appearances / Public Comment

There were no appearances or public comment.

##### 4. Reports / New Business

###### a. Chairman

###### i. Discussion of CRPA Advisory Board Rules & Procedures

Chairperson Nelms discussed the Cherokee County Recreation and Parks (CCRP) Advisory Board Rules of Procedure with the board. Chairperson Nelms asked the board members to take some time to read and review and also add or delete any information that would be important to the Rules of Procedures by the next meeting.

**b. Board Members**

No Business

**c. Director**

**i. Consideration of Park Use Agreement with Canton Dizzy Dean for Richard Mauldin Baseball Complex @ Kenney Askew Park**

Director Reynolds discussed the use agreement with Canton Dizzy Dean for Richard Mauldin Baseball Complex at Kenney Askew Park. Canton Dizzy Dean President Toby Latimer had a last minute meeting scheduled and sent his regrets.

Director Reynolds gave the board a history update about the baseball complex, and he also informed the board that this agreement would grant Canton Dizzy Dean use of the five (5) fields, the batting cages and the concession/restrooms in exchange for the upkeep of the complex and payment of the associated utilities. The agreement recognizes that this complex is part of a larger public park and the county reserves the right to allow and approve Youth Baseball Complex use by others during those times when Canton Baseball is not scheduled to use it. This agreement is similar to the one that was executed with Hobgood Baseball in 2013.

The board discussed the agreement. Amy Turcotte made a motion to recommend approval of the Park Use Agreement with Canton Dizzy Dean for Richard Mauldin Baseball Complex at Kenney Askew Park to the Board of Commissioners. Robert Strozier seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

**5. Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**6. Adjourn**

Robert Strozier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Steve Pressley seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.