

**Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency**  
**Advisory Board**  
**June 14, 2017 – Cherokee Hall**  
**Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM**

**Summary**

**1. Call to Order**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman Pressley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Acting Chairman Pressley, Jason Nelms, Carlo Carbetta , Presley White, Director Reynolds and CRPA staff.

Absent: Vice Chairman Turcotte

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The February 8, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Jason Nelms, second by Carlo Carbetta. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Appearances / Public Comment**

Julia Reidy was present to discuss a proposal to provide an inclusive and accessible playground at Hobgood Park. She also talked about why she chose Hobgood Park. The proposal is to renovate the playground at Hobgood by adding new inclusive equipment and smooth rubber surfacing for accessibility. Julia believes that it is very important to make small changes to Hobgood to make it more inclusive and accessible to all children in the community. Julia included a detailed analysis of each piece of new equipment, and its benefits, a cost analysis for this project and possible methods of payment for these renovations. The board commended Julia for her detailed proposal, and they were very impressed with how much time she had put in to it. Director Reynolds had given verbal commitment to Phase I, and once funds are available there will be an opportunity to get more renovations done. Once these renovations are complete, the board informed Julia she will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

**4. Reports / New Business**

**a. Chairman**

**Officers Elections**

The slate of officers for 2017-2018 was approved. Motion by Jason Nelms, second by Steve Pressley. Motion carried 4-0. Jason Nelms was elected Chairman, Presley White was elected Vice Chairman and Carlo Carbetta was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman.

**b. Board Members**

There were no reports from any board members.

**c. Director**

**Agency Update**

Director Reynolds provided an update on agency projects and programs since the last board meeting.

- Patriots Park has been very well received, and it always seems to be very busy since the opening.

- August 26, 2017 is National Dog Day, and we will be offering *Strut Your Mutt* at Pawtriot Park.
- We have hired Jennifer “Jen” Fischer, and she comes to CRPA from the Shepard Center. Her focus will be on Therapeutics Recreation. Jen is a Certified Therapeutics Recreation Specialist.
- Cherokee County has applied for a grant through the VA for programming for disabled veterans in Cherokee County.
- Cherokee Veterans Park should be complete by September 2017 weather permitting. There will be a Steering Committee meeting Thursday, June 15, 2017 to design the veteran’s plaza for the park.
- The County is set to begin using inmate work details to help clean up local parks. The inmates will perform many of the duties associated with park maintenance which would include: litter control, janitorial and landscaping duties. When inmate crews are present in the park, there will be signage posted to let the public know they are presence.

#### **5. Old Business**

Presley White asked how placing AED’s in the Parks was going. Director Reynolds informed the board that we are working with local businesses to help sponsor the cost. He also stated at the Youth Association meeting in December 2017, we plan to offer training for AED’s usage to their volunteers. We will use the same AED brand that EMS and Fire use.

#### **6. Adjourn**

Motion by Jason Nelms to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., second by Presley White.

Motion carried 4-0.