

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

5-5-14

6:30 pm

Council Chambers

Minutes & General Account

Parks & Recreation Members Present: Lawrence Straughn, Chair; Shanna Moore, Vice-Chair; Al Bartko, Steve Owen, Lynn Tice, and Charles Dowdy

Staff: Chuck Smith, John Crowe and Martha Wolfe

Visitors Present: Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News

1. Call to Order – Straughn called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes from April 7, 2014 meeting – Charles Dowdy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Steve Owen made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Presentation of the Little Free Library Project proposed for the Wrenn Miller Park – Shanna Moore, speaking on behalf of the Jamestown Modern Book Club, stated they would like to install a Little Free Library in the Wrenn Miller Park in June of this year. She met with the Town Manager and Scott Coakley of the Recreation Dept. and they have selected a site at the Park.

Moore drafted an agreement for the Committee to review. The agreement basically stated that the Jamestown Modern Book Club will maintain and re-stock the books, monitor the library and have the responsibility for re-stocking and determining the appropriateness of the stocked materials. The Town of Jamestown will work with JMBC to designate location, assist with installation, assist in monitoring for damage or vandalism and notify a member of the JMBC.

Both parties agree if the Little Free Library becomes a nuisance either through repeated vandalism or other problems it will be removed. The agreement is on a month to month basis.

Al Bartko made a motion to approve this proposal for recommendation to the Council. Lynn Tice made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. N. C. Great Places Contest for Wrenn Miller Park – Straughn reminded everyone to go on-line and vote for the Wrenn Miller Park. The deadline is May 9th, 2014.

5. Presentation of Parks & Recreation Operations & events – John Crowe, Parks Superintendent reported:

- Crews continue to clean up from the ice storm
- Aerify greens – helps in mowing, releases toxic gases from dirt. This is done in the spring & fall, provides lots of positives for the putting surfaces
- #12 hole – working on clearing out underbrush around the fence area – Helps with aesthesis
- #11 – planting wax myrtle trees and mulching

- Planting along walkway. Intend to plant some taller plants along the bridge, this may deter the geese.
- Fence repairs continue
- Pleasant Ridge Golfers now playing at Jamestown Course for 3 days a week. They would like to see some new tees, Forward Tees.
- Plan to improve 2 holes a year - Beds around T-boxes and greens
- Scott Coakley held a successful Easter Egg Hunt at the soccer fields
- Community Yard Sale scheduled for May 31, 2014 at Wrenn Miller Park

6. Discussion of time capsule at Wrenn Miller Park – Smith said Mickey Peeler donated a small vault for the Town to make a time capsule to be placed at Wrenn Miller Park. This will probably be an above ground vault located in a small brick column.

There are many details to be determined such as:

- When open (20, 30, 50 years)
- What items put in time capsule such as letters, photographs of the Town, what content
- Due to the size of the capsule, it will be limited to small, flat envelopes
- Who gets to place items in the vault
- Possibly hold a drawing/lottery – 20 citizens chosen by what they describe
- Coins
- Contests for area schools – one class to donate letters (JES, JMS, Ragsdale), DVD, CD's
- Jamestown Newspaper article
- Letters from Governing Board
- State Championship in sports
- Current fads, trends, prices

Dowdy suggested a committee be formed to work on the time capsule project and to be the selection committee for winners of contests and lotteries.

Smith said he hopes if the Council approves of this project to do it in the fall. This idea will be presented to the Council at their next meeting.

If any Parks & Recreation Committee Member has any other ideas or suggested, please forward to the Town Manager.

The Parks & Recreation Committee voted unanimously to lend its support to the Wrenn Miller time capsule project.

7. Public Comment - Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News, suggested doing the time capsule on the 1 year anniversary of the Wrenn Miller Park which is 11-9-14.

8. Other Business – Wolfe reminded everyone of the first Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Jamestown Lions Club and the Jamestown Veterans Committee. The parade is scheduled for Sunday May 25, 2014 at 3:00 pm. We are looking for entries. Please contact Wolfe if you know of anyone interested in participating.

Shanna Moore made a motion to adjourn. Al Bartko made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 7:10 pm.