

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – JUNE 8, 2015
CITY HALL BRIEFING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leo Bell, Jr.
Reginald Hurd
Don Johnson, Chairperson
Roderick Lee
Alexander McLachlan
Ed Priest
Calvin Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bart Stevenson, Staff Liaison

Timothy Hamilton, Parks/Athletics Manager and Kamecha Johnston, Park Ranger, were staff members in attendance. Patrick Harvey, Council Liaison, was also in attendance.

In attendance representing Duncanville Boys Baseball, Inc. was DA Cooper; representing Duncanville Girls Softball Association was Paul Martinez, Secretary, and Erica Jordan, Vice-President; there was no one there to represent Duncanville Soccer Association.

Chairperson Johnson noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Chairperson Johnson recognized Board member Calvin Wells. Mr. Wells made the request that the Board stay on point with the agenda items listed. Chairperson Johnson agreed to do so.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

No one was present to speak during the public discussion period.

Item #2 – Discussion and Consider Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Johnson asked the Board to look over the minutes from the May 11, 2015 meeting. He asked if there were any questions or corrections to be made. A motion was made by Board member Leo Bell, Jr. to accept the minutes as they are; a second was received from Chairperson Johnson. The motion for approval of minutes was passed with 7 in favor; 0 not in favor.

Item #3 – Staff Reports:

- A. **Park Ranger Report** – Chairperson Johnson gave the floor to Park Ranger Johnston. Park Ranger Johnston stated that in the 15 days that she had worked from the hours of 5:30 pm to 2:00am the following was recorded: 4 Arrests (1 Assault/Evading and 3 warrants); 33 field contacts were made; 6 incident reports; 36 citations were given (2 alcohol in the park; 30 Park Curfew violations; 2 drug paraphernalia and 2 other traffic violations and there were 265 directed patrols. Park Ranger Johnston admitted that things have picked up a bit since school has been out.
- B. **Upcoming Events and Programs** – Staff Liaison Stevenson wanted to remind everyone that Juneteenth was going to be hosted by Cedar Hill this year on June 20th from 5pm – 10pm. He also wanted to point out that Duncanville would be having 4th of July parade sponsored by the Lions Club with a family event afterwards. He reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting would be on July 13, 2015.

Item #4 – Receive and Discuss an Annual Report from Duncanville Soccer Association (DSA):

Because the representative was unable to attend, no report was given at this time.

Item #5 – Receive and Discuss an Annual Report from Duncanville Girls Softball Association (DGSA):

Mr. Paul Martinez, Secretary for DGSA, began the discussion with a few concerns regarding Alexander Park. He stated that there was graffiti still on the wall inside the concession stand since February; that the turning on and off the field lights had become a problem with the new system versus the keys that they had and that the fields are not kept up as nice as the ones for the guys at Harrington. Mr. Stevenson asked Mr. Martinez when the graffiti was reported to the Parks & Recreation department. Mr. Martinez said it was in February. Mr. Stevenson confirmed with Mr. Hamilton that the department still has a 24 hour graffiti rule to get it rectified. Mr. Stevenson commented that the new key system was not working well as they had hoped. He advised Mr. Martinez that all associations would be going to an On/Off button switch which will hopefully simplify matters. As far as the upkeep of the fields for Alexander Park, Mr. Stevenson explained that the Alexander fields are in need of "capital" dollars and would be discussed in the Master Park Plan process and possibly considered in a bond election. Erica Jordan requested the Parks & Recreation department aid with recruitment, since the Association doesn't really have any real tools to use for recruitment. Ms. Jordan and Mr. Martinez requested ideas to get city support so DGSA could grow. The Board suggested that they be allowed time to discuss this at a later date. The Board thanked the Duncanville Girls Softball Association (DGSA) for attending the meeting tonight.

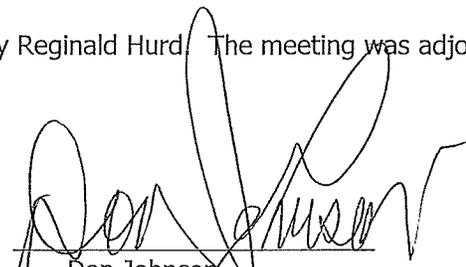
Items #6 – Receive and Discuss an Annual Report from the Duncanville Boys Baseball Inc. (DBBI):

Mr. DA Cooper spoke on behalf of the Duncanville Boys Baseball Inc. He passed out to the Board their Annual Report which included the following: Purpose of Association; Number of Duncanville Children Served in the Program; Fees Charged for Participation and Breakdown of Expenditures; Service Issues Faced in the Last Year and How They Were Resolved such as fieldwork done by the City, light control issues, parking problems at Harrington not resolved yet, Lions park sprinklers and the concession stand/restrooms at Lions are in disrepair; Upcoming Issues and Recommendations for Resolution such as giving lights control back to DBBI, restrooms/concessions in need of repair at Harrington as well as at Lions and shading needed for bleacher area; Identification of Current and Incoming Board of Directors; Number of Coaches Receiving Certification versus Total Number of Coaches in the Program; The Number of Scholarships Offered to Underprivileged Youth and the Sharing of Customer Service Inquiries or Complaints and the Dispositions thereof. Mr. Cooper commented that no new baseball fields had been constructed since 1985. The Board thanked Mr. Cooper for attending the meeting tonight. They requested that they be allowed time to discuss these concerns at a later date.

After the Associations were excused, the Board discussed concerns that they heard in the presentations such as parking, lack of communication between the Associations themselves and with the City, lack of support from the City in helping each Association grow and possibly creating a Youth Sports Council to help with some of these concerns.

A motion was made by Ed Priest for adjournment; seconded by Reginald Hurd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. unanimously.


Pam Willis
Recording Secretary


Don Johnson
Chairperson