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Cabot Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

June 19, 2018

Cabot Veterans Park Events Center
508 North Lincoln, Cabot, Arkansas 72023

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

John C. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: John C. Thompson, Eric Park, Maggie Cope, Nick Whitaker, Mike Burchfield, Matt Moudy

II. Minutes of Regular Meeting

The minutes from the regular meeting held May 15, 2018 were presented. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF May 15, 2018 AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY MIKE BURCHFIELD. ALL VOTED AYE.**

III. Financials

May 2018 financials were discussed. Deferred Maintenance- \$18,000 spent. The Veterans Park Community Center replaced two air conditioning units. Cabot Aquatic Park rentals have increased. Memberships sold at the Community Center have increased. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MAY 2018 FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY MATT MOUDY. ALL VOTED AYE.**

IV. Programs

Lorenzo Mendoza presented for programs. End of the season sports surveys were sent out to parents. Programs yielded good or very good results overall. Soccer parents were provided a survey question regarding the formation of a draft for upcoming seasons. Results revealed 70% of 100 participants were not in favor of a soccer draft. Programs have finalized fall dates for upcoming sports. Registrations will begin in person on July 1, 2018. Adult softball registration will start mid- July. Wrestling registration will begin mid-August. BMX presented. Previous race saw ½ of the state of Arkansas’s registered riders. Goals for 2019 were discussed. Goals include bringing a Gold Cup Qualifier race to the City of Cabot that would take place around June; as well as hosting double and triple point races. Olympic Day for all age groups is June 30, 2018. No admission fee.

V. Old Business

No business to discuss.

VI. New Business

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Brian Walters presented for the new Community Theater group. They are classified as a 501C3 group. They currently have an active three member board. Their goal is to provide an inclusive introduction to theatrical arts. It is open to all age groups. They are currently seeking new talent and a permanent facility to call home. Future plans include holding up to four regular play productions and one musical production per year. The group would also like to host talent and game show nights. Mr. Walters proposed the use of Richie Road Park for outdoor theater productions. Commission questioned the logistics of using Richie Road Park versus other locations. First play production is slated to be a viewing of Mark Twain's *The Diaries of Adam and Eve* in late July. **MIKE BURCHFIELD MOTIONED TO ALLOW MR. WALTERS GROUP, THE NEW COMMUNITY THEATER GROUP, TO USE THE PARKS GREEN SPACE TO HOLD THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, SECOND BY NICK WHITAKER. ALL VOTED AYE.**

Richie Road Dirt Work Bids were discussed. Three bids submitted. Engineer verified bid information was appropriate and met the scope of work detailed in bid proposal. In previous discussions, Commission Attorney Greg Crumpton reviewed the necessary documents for the bid proposal. Parks Director Young detailed aspects of bid bond to commission. The proposed bid covers the demolition of the Richie Road office building and pool house; projected amount of time for demolition completion is two weeks. If contract is signed bid can be held to \$83,000. Commissioner John C. Thompson expressed his abstention from voting and suggested a roll call vote. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE BARGER EXCAVATING FOR BID ON RICHIE ROAD PROJECT, SECOND BY MATT MOUDY. ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS, ALL SAY AYE. ERIC PARK ABSTAINED. JOHN C. THOMPSON ABSTAINED.**

7/8 year old all-star team formation was discussed. Coach Jeremy Farnsworth was present to speak on behalf of a 7 year old team that would like to represent Cabot in the 7/8 USSSA State Tournament. Regarding the particular age division, tryouts were open to all players and coaches. 15-16 players attended tryouts, and was then narrowed down to 12 players. Of the 12 players selected, several players chose to opt out of playing all-stars due to divisional and age chart changes. Cabot Parks and Recreation utilizes Little League rules in lieu of Cal Ripken. Both operate under different rules and age restrictions. When offered the opportunity to create a 7/8 year old team, Coach Farnsworth declined under the guidance of a former Parks Recreational Programmer. Parks Director Young addressed the request to play, citing "children should have the opportunity to play," but operating under the current assumption of refusal by Mr. Farnsworth to coach, the opportunity for a team is non-existent. **NICK WHITAKER MOTIONED TO UPHOLD THE DECISION TO NOT ALLOW THE 7U ALL STAR/ PSEUDO ALL-STAR TEAM TO PLAY IN 7U RECREATIONAL ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT, SECOND MIKE BURCHFIELD.**

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ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS, ALL SAY AYE.

VII. Community Input

None

IV. Adjournment

ADJOURNED AT 7:30 pm.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Chairman, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission June 19, 2018.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman

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