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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

December 15, 2015

5:30 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm.

In attendance were: Kenny Mull, Wallace Messer, Michelle Claytor, Linda O'Niel, Lee Starnes and Rhett Langston. Dan Shultz, Heath Sutton, Sarah Massie and Don Frady were unable to attend.

• The minutes were read and passed from the November 17, 2015 meeting.

Old Business:

• None

New Business:

- Rhett presented the November monthly report.
- Rhett shared the new time line for Healthy Haywood for 2016. The Waynesville Recreation Center and the Old Armory Recreation Center will participate on the same days.
- Rhett shared that an organization based out of Jacksonville, Florida, was interested in having a wrestling event at the Old Armory in the spring. Everyone discussed the idea and decided to pass on the proposal.
- Doris Mager, creator of the Save Our American Raptors (SOAR) non profit group, will bring her Great Horned Owl, E.T., who is 34 years old, to fly around the gym at the Waynesville Recreation Center and for a \$5 donation and children and adults will have the opportunity to hold E.T. with a glove. She will also bring a little Screech Owl named Impy who cannot fly but has a very interesting story. This will take place on Tuesday, December 22, at 10 am.
- Rhett shared an idea to turn the side of the Waynesville Recreation Center into a natural play area for kids. This would consist of boulders, sand, and other items. This would only be considered if the disc golf course was moved to Hazelwood Park.
- We will be adding mirrors, new lighting as well as new weight machines to upstairs workout area in early 2016.
- It was discussed and decided to establish set operating hours at the Waynesville Skate Park. The hours will be 8 am to 10 pm during Daylight Savings Time (begins with the first Sunday in March) and 8 am to 6 pm during Eastern Standard Time (begins with the first Sunday in Nov.)
- We will applying for accreditation with the American Camp Association (ACA). This is predominantly for our summer camp and would be a big honor for our department if we are able to achieve it.
- We will offer a winter coed volleyball league and possibly an indoor soccer league in partnership with AYSO.
- We will be hosting a certification class called "Starguard." This is lifeguarding in waters in which you cannot see the bottom. Our goal is to certify all of our camp counselors as "starguards."
- Rhett explained that we will have to delay the redesign of the entrance to the Bi-Lo restrooms to the end of the fiscal year. The funding would have to come out of Building Repairs and Maintenance and at this point in time a large portion has been spent on HVAC units.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhett Langston



