

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department
Advisory Board

1/29/15 Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.
- Members present: Adam Crocker, Billy Hartness, Tim Todd, Dene Moon, and Ken Byrd
- Members absent: Betsy Mofield, Mona Kahl, Charlie Needham, Dr. Rev. Kelly.
- The previous meeting's minutes were approved.
- Adam discussed the history of the Ray's Mill property, making the point that it validated the existence, and historical relevance of the James Ray Mill. All in attendance agreed, and felt the best name for the park was Ray's Mill Park. Naming other features of the park was discussed, and it was felt this could be done at a later date, if deemed appropriate.
- Adam introduced a new Outdoor Event Application. The question was raised whether only Aberdeen Police officers could be used for security purposes, and it was agreed that being town property, Aberdeen officers should be given the right of first refusal. It was also discussed that we will need to keep an eye on whether allowing large special events in the parks, will prohibit other groups from using other features of the park. Costing citizens opportunities, and the town possible revenue. These will be looked at on a case by case basis, to determine greater good for the community. It was agreed that given the reciprocal relationship with the schools, the application fee should be waived for school functions. It was also agreed that the whole application process should be waved for any town run functions.
- Pricing for the rental of the Malcolm Blue Farm was discussed. All in attendance felt the proposed pricing was fair. It was discussed that the town will hold all deposits until all keys are returned, and the staff has had an opportunity to fully inspect the property.
- A non-resident membership program was discussed, similar to the program being run by the Town of Southern Pines. This will allow non-residents to pay a yearly \$50 fee to receive resident pricing for all programs for the immediate members of their familial household. All in attendance were in favor, as Ken made the point that Legacy Lakes has started a similar program, which has definitely helped with revenue.
- Going to Tobacco Free Parks was discussed, and all in attendance were in favor. This would include all tobacco products, including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and e-vapor cigarettes. Much discussion was had about enforcement, and how that would be handled. We discussed how much of it would be self-enforced, and it would be incumbent on P&R staff to educate and inform. We also agreed that it would be important to discuss with the police department, to make sure they were supportive in case any situation regarding this policy escalated.
- In other discussion, Tim mentioned wanting to see girls softball, for young ladies' over the age of 12, and see if there is a better way for Aberdeen youth to participate in the in-line hockey program in Pinehurst. Future park space was also discussed, with much talk about the possibility of obtaining the property behind Aberdeen Elementary School,

and how and what that could be used for. Dene also expressed the need for us to get the Malcolm Blue Farm three-ring binder from Ellen Marcus.

- The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 30 at the Recreation Center, at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.