



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – 5:00pm
Lawton Park Pavilion, 716 Prestwood Dr

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act SC Code 30-4-80: Written notice was delivered to the press by email on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, and duly posted at 402 S Leesburg Street, 716 Prestwood Dr and on hartsvillesc.gov.

Members Present: Antonio de Ridder, Ken Hughes, Brent Beasley, Nique Knockemus, Rose Williams
Council Ex-Officio: Bobby McGee
Staff Present: Russell Slatton, Adam Bedard, Alisha Belk

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Chair, Ken Hughes.

Minutes

Committee approved minutes from the February 12, 2020 with an addendum.

COVID-19 Current and Future Phases

- a. Russell Slatton reviewed the City's timeline regarding the re-opening of TB Thomas and the rest of Byerly Park. The baseball and softball fields are open as well the tennis courts, basketball court and playground. TB Thomas is open on a limited capacity from 8am-1pm. Pickleball courts inside TB Thomas are open and some of the workout equipment has been moved to the gym to accommodate social distancing guidelines.
- b. Monday, June 15, 2020 will begin limited classes in the gym and it will be just one class a day. League play will start with Hartsville Nationals using the fields with limited usage of the fields and dugouts.
- c. Next phase has not been announced but expected to be fully open by July 1, 2020.

Parks and Recreation Manager Updates

- a. Baseball/Softball Tournament: As of right now there are tournaments scheduled every weekend from now to October 11th. The first tournament is June 13th and 50 teams are expected to be in town. Social distancing rules are being adhered to.
- b. Outdoor Basketball lights were installed two weeks ago and they automatically turn on at 4pm and off by 10pm daily. There are typically 20 plus people out there a day using the court.
- c. Outdoor Basketball bathrooms: Senator Malloy stated that there was funding available and package has been submitted to the State House. They will be similar to the ones at Pride and Burry Parks. No information has been received back at this time.
- d. Byerly Fitness Loop: Installed dip bars last week which is the 3rd piece of equipment installed out at the park. There will be a 4th installed, which will be a raised platform that you can do push-ups or stretches on. It will be an 8x8 square that will be moveable.
- e. Staff events: Each quarter the city brings the staff together to participate in some type of athletic event. So far we have done kickball, bowling, corn hole, and basketball and flag football. Teams are picked randomly so that employees will co-mingle with others in the city within the different departments. Idea was brought up that maybe an outside entity such as a YMCA team,

Sting Ray or other businesses or Rotary Club etc. come and compete against the city teams so that they can also meet others in the community.

- f. Bike/walk trail: Ken Hughes made a motion for the Parks and Rec Department to investigate and pursue a painted 5k trail to start paperwork with SCDOT to get the trail marked out. Antonio was asked to work with Russell Slatton in getting what is needed for the paperwork that will need to be completed to obtain permission to begin this project. Nique was asked to provide the map of the route that she had already printed out. Motion to approve: Antonio; Second, Nique; carried; all ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Ken Hughes, Chair

Date