



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 9th, 2023 – 5:00pm
The Coach TB Thomas Sport Center

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act SC Code 30-4-80: Written notice was delivered to the press by email on Monday August 7, 2023 and duly posted at 701 W. Washington Street and on hartsvillesc.gov.

Members Present: Nique Knockemus, Ken Hughes, Austin Grafing, Carol Goranson

Members Absent: Rose Williams

Council Ex-Officio: Bobby McGee

Staff Present: Adam Bedard, Andrea Crenshaw

Guest: Antonio Del Ridder, Sandra Byrd, Patti Sponseller, Buddy Dawkins, Wayne Wilson, Carol Blotner

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice- Chair, Nique Knockemus.

Oath of Office

Crenshaw administered oath of office to new member Grafing, Goranson, Knockemus.

Election of Offices

Bedard informed Parks and Recreation committee that the committee has a chair and a vice-chair. Hughes nominated Knockemus as Chair and Goranson seconded and all in favor. Knockemus nominated Hughes and Goranson seconded and all in favor.

Approval of minutes

Knockemus made motion to approve June 14, 2023, minutes as presented, second by Goranson. Passed with all ayes.

Pickleball

Patti Sponseller spoke about the importance of pickleball in the community. The pickleball organization has 100 members that share four courts at the TB Thomas Sports Center. The pickleball organization has met with the City Manager about repurposing the under-utilized tennis courts at Lawton Park and turning them into eight pickleball courts. Sponseller continued to speak about the community impact the group has by hosting clinics and partnering with other organizations to spread the word of pickleball in the community. Hughes makes a motion to pursue the idea of repurposing the existing Lawton Park tennis courts into eight outdoor pickleball courts, a second by Knockemus and all in favor.

Scope of Parks Committee

Bedard informed the committee that the new scope of the committee has passed council. The new committee is called the Parks and Recreation Committee. The update to the scope was to allow the committee to discuss items and activities outside of the park facilities that fall under the recreation scope.

Assistant Director updates

Bedard updated the committee about fall sports are getting ready to start. The sports included fall volleyball, football, cheerleading and soccer.

Date, Time, and Location of future meetings

Knockemus discussed the next 2023 meeting will be October 11th at 5:00 pm at Lawton Park with a back up location at the Pavilion at Lawton Park.

Knockemus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Goranson second. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Nique Knockemus, Chair

Date

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