



**OAK RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.  
OAK RIDGE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Phillip Hanks, Chair  
Tracy Street, Vice Chair  
Barry Knight  
Phyllis Anders  
Michelle Davidson, Alternate (Sitting)  
Brady Young, Alternate (Not sitting)  
Josh Schneider, Youth Representative

**Staff Present**

Terry Lannon, Parks & Recreation Director  
Sandra Smith, Town Clerk

**Members Absent**

Phyllis Clodfelter

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Phillip Hanks** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA**

**Tracy Street** made a **motion** to approve the meeting agenda. **Barry Knight** seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (5-0).

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Phyllis Anders** made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting. **Tracy Street** seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (5-0).

**4. STAFF REPORT**

Parks & Recreation Director Terry Lannon presented the staff report:

- **Finance report.**
- **Vandalism.** Two juveniles from Summerfield and one from Greensboro were caught doing doughnuts at the park; most of the damage was done to the Redmon Field, but they also hit a small tree behind Field 3. All three were charged with trespassing, and the driver was charged with destruction of property; they will probably be required to do community service. Another vehicle has also damaged the big practice field, but no one has been charged.
- **Projects.** Park staff is working on completing several small projects on their list. A chipper originally scheduled to be rented the following week was delayed a week due to recent bad weather.

- **Events list.** The list of events for the upcoming year was distributed. The spring arts & crafts show will be held on RidgeFest weekend; the new parking lot should be completed by then to accommodate parking.  
The Commission discussed other possible events, including a community yard sale. A volunteer will be needed to coordinate the event.
- **Weekend tournament list.** The list of weekend tournaments was included in the packet. It was noted that Oak Ridge Youth Association did not request any weekend dates for the upcoming year.
- **Phase II engineering drawings.** A copy of the drawings was distributed. Lannon said the design was done with the idea that six tennis courts could be added in the future. In response to a question, Lannon said he would check the price difference in 3 inches versus 2 inches of asphalt for the parking lot.

## 5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

**Barry Knight** nominated Phillip Hanks as chair and Tracy Street as vice chair. With no other nominations, the Commission's vote in favor was unanimous (5-0).

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Jaime Apple, Oak Ridge Youth Association Girls' Lacrosse Director, requested the program be able to practice on the game fields at Oak Ridge Town Park due to lack of practice space at Oak Ridge Elementary School. Apple said the girls' lacrosse program has grown tremendously.

Brady Young, who is also president of Oak Ridge Youth Association, agreed with Apple, saying there is an extreme need for practice space for turf sports (soccer, lacrosse and football). Commission members discussed the issue, including wear and tear on the fields, the different traffic patterns between lacrosse, soccer and football, and the practice space available at Oak Ridge Elementary. Barry Knight said he understood the need for additional practice field space, but was opposed to allowing girls' lacrosse to practice on the game fields without opening the fields up to everyone. He said it would be difficult to draw the line, and because turf grass does not recover in winter, game fields could be damaged so no one could use them. Apple said if the girls were not allowed to practice at the park, field space would have to be rented elsewhere. Lannon recommended a test be allowed this year for the girls' lacrosse program to use the game fields at the park on the condition that they switch fields every two weeks and that fields be checked at the beginning and end of each season by the ORYA president, the Parks & Recreation Director and interested Commission members; Oak Ridge Youth Association would be required to pay for any damage to the fields. A field marshal would be on site to follow the same closing procedures as in place for 6U and 8U soccer.

**Phillip Hanks** made a **motion** to approve Lannon's recommendation with the condition that payment for field damage be paid by Oak Ridge Youth Association by June 1. **Michelle Davidson** seconded the motion, and it was approved by a 4-1 vote (Barry Knight against).

## 7. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Next meeting: February 16, 2017

**8. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**9. ADJOURMENT**

**Tracy Street** made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. **Phyllis Anders** seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (5-0).