

AMHERST COUNTY, PARKS, RECREATION AND  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
January 11, 2010

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on January 11, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Board of Supervisors' meeting room in the County Administration Building.

The following members were present: Chairman Gary Evans, Roni Tuggle, JoJo Allcock, Heather Follett, and John Mann. Also in attendance was Sara Lu Christian, Director and Alan Bumgarner, Recreation Specialist.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gary Evans.

A motion was made by Heather and seconded by Roni to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Sara Lu presented the Administrator's report:

The Board reviewed the senior citizen's reports for November and December, 2009.

Sara Lu provided reports on the numbers of participants in the programs and activities, including the Amherst Outdoors programs and trips, sponsored by the Recreation Department in 2009. The Board also reviewed the Reports on the night fishing licenses sold, the number of theme park tickets sold. She informed the Recreation Board that these reports will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Alan reported that the youth basketball league is underway and that there are only a few participants less for this season as there were last season. He also informed the Recreation Board that registration for spring soccer will begin in a couple of weeks.

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Sara Lu informed the board that the directive came from the Board of Supervisors to submit two (2) FY'10-'11 proposed budgets – one reflecting a zero increase over the FY'09-'10 budget and one reflecting a 15% decrease. She presented the Recreation Board with a proposed 15% reduction. The major point of discussion focused on the electrical services line item in the recreation budget.

Heather made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the 15% cut as presented. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon accepting the proposed budget with the 15% cut, the Recreation Board went on to discuss the electrical services line item in the budget. Considering the fact that the bulk of the Recreation Department's operating expenses is in electrical expenses and the greatest majority of the electrical expenses is generated by three county youth sports organizations, the Madison Heights Dixie Youth Baseball Association, Amherst Dixie

Youth Baseball Association and Amherst County Dixie Girls Softball Association, the Recreation Board recognizes the necessity of those three organizations working with the county to reduce the electrical bills that they generate. After some discussion on suggestions of ways in which to accomplish this (i.e. have more daytime games and less night games; getting the services switched out of the recreation department's name and into the respective names; etc.), JoJo made a motion to request the presence of representatives from the 3 associations (MHDYBA; ADYBA; and ACDGSA) at a budget workshop meeting with the Recreation Board to address this specific topic (management and reduction of costs of electrical services for their respective facilities) prior to the next regular meeting of the Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by Gary and passed unanimously.

Upon further discussion, JoJo made a motion that the budget workshop on the electrical services with representatives from the relevant youth sports organizations be held from 6:30-7:30PM on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. After which, the Board would recess for dinner, then reconvene at 8:00PM for the regular meeting. This motion was seconded by Gary and passed unanimously.

The final order of business was the election of officers for the new year:

A call was made for nominations for Secretary. Heather nominated JoJo for secretary. There being no other nominations, the election of secretary resumed. JoJo was elected, unanimously, as secretary for this year.

A call was made for nominations for Chairperson. John nominated Heather for chairperson. There being no other nominations, the election of chairperson resumed. Heather was elected, unanimously, as chairperson for this year.

A call was made for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Gary nominated Roni for vice-chair. There being no other nominations, the election of vice-chairperson resumed. Roni was elected, unanimously, as vice-chairperson for this year.

Heather will assume the position of Chairman at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, JoJo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Date

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Chairman

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Secretary