



**MINUTES**  
**Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**August 8, 2019      5:30pm**  
**KINSTON COMMUNITY CENTER (CONFERENCE ROOM)**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Nick Harvey      Kelly Jarman**  
**Amanda Sawyer      Dr. Gary Wojeski**  
**Sue Ellen Maddux      Dr. James Sylvia**  
**Steve Saint-Amand      Christopher Bradshaw**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Sonya Berry      Rosalyn Yarus**  
**Nathan Perry      Merwyn Smith**  
**Felicia Solomon**  
**Ed Futrell**

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The August, 2019 meeting was called to order by the Chair, Nick Harvey. Due to no quorum in April, June or July, a motion was made to approve the April, June and July, 2019 minutes.

Motion – Sawyer, Second – Jarman; Vote – Unanimous.

Corey Povar informed the commission that the Kinston Noon Rotary Club will be donating funds to construct a new gazebo at Tiffany West Park. This gazebo will be replacing the old overlook that is currently at the park. There will be no cost to the Recreation Department for this new gazebo.

Corey Povar updated the commission on the department's summer day camps and programs. He stated that next year, he would like to revamp the summer day camps to mirror the camp that was managed by Ella Clarke at Georgia K. Battle Center.

Corey Povar requested that the commission approve the department applying for a Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant to help renovate Emma Webb Park. He informed them that he met with the Recreation Resource Service Representative in our area to discuss the process of applying for this grant. Corey also stated that he would like to put together a team of staff members that would be responsible for various areas of the grant to make for a more competitive grant application.

A motion was made to approve the department applying for a Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant for the renovation of Emma Webb Park.

Motion – Maddux; Second – Wojeski, Vote – Unanimous.

Corey Povar requested that the commission increase the department's participation fee for all sports from \$20/participant to \$30/participant due to the increased cost of sports equipment and umpires. He stated that a scholarship fund will be available for those who cannot afford to pay the fee and he and his staff will work diligently to help those families who cannot afford the increase.

A motion was made to increase the participation fee from \$20/participant to \$30/participant for all sports.

Motion - Maddux; Second- Sylvia; Vote- Unanimous.

The commission was distributed the department's updated "Coaches Code of Conduct" rule. The commission requested that the following be added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence on this rule: "No verbal abuse, foul or offensive language will be tolerated towards officials/players/spectators, as well as on social media." A motion was made to approve the "Coaches Code of Conduct" with the requested change. ***(Updated rule is attached)***

Motion – Wojeski; Second – Bradshaw; Vote – Unanimous.

Nick Harvey requested that a 2018/19 Parks & Recreation Commission Attendance Report be distributed at the next meeting.

Nick Harvey commended Corey Povar and Scott Alston on partnering with the Lenoir County Schools by offering tennis clinics.

Corey Povar informed the commission that there will be a kayak launch built at the Neuseway Nature Park as an Eagle Scout Project. The launch will be built by Tanner Whitley from troop #392.

Corey Povar informed the commission that the department will be participating in the Mountains to the Sea Trail Float to celebrate their 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday on September 7, 2019.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion – Jarman; Second – Sawyer; Vote – Unanimous.

Debra A. Wicker  
Secretary to the Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission