



**MINUTES**  
**Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Department**  
**September 10, 2020**  
**5:30pm**  
**Kinston Community Center**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amanda Sawyer     Sue Ellen Maddux  
Kelly Jarman        Rosalyn Yarus  
Antonio Hardy       Christopher Bradshaw  
Dr. Gary Wojeski    Dr. James Sylvia

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jeremy Barnett        Sonya Berry  
Nicholas Harvey       Merwyn Smith

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The September 10, 2020 meeting was called to order by Chair, Amanda Sawyer. A motion was made to approve the August 13, 2020 minutes.

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

There were no committee reports.

Corey Povar stated that proposed fall programs would be presented by Scott Alston, Recreation Superintendent and Josh Bass, Programs Supervisor II. Fliers with specifics about each program were given to all commission members.

Corey stated that there have been inquiries about swim lessons at Kinston Community Center. Corey also stated that there were no COVID-19 cases at Holloway pool or Lions Water Adventure Water Park over the summer and that recent research has shown that the virus doesn't spread as easily in chlorinated water. Surrounding areas that have started offering swim lessons are requiring instructors to wear face shields; some are requiring the parent to be in the pool with the child and that the instructor is distanced at six feet. Sue Ellen Maddux asked if our swim lesson instructors would have a COVID-19 waiver. Corey stated that all of our instructors are City of Kinston employees so they would be covered by the City of Kinston liability and by the waiver that participants sign upon entering our facilities. There are capacity limits already set for both the lap and therapeutic pools which is included in the 15% capacity allowed in KCC. Sue Ellen Maddux stated there should be face masks worn by the swim lesson instructors in addition to face shields and that temperature checks should be a must. Corey stated that all community centers including KCC had installed new temperature scanners that measure from the tear duct which is more accurate than the temporal scanners. Every person entering any of our community centers must have a temperature scan upon entrance. If temperature is normal, there is a green light indicating so. If a temperature is above normal, there is a red light indicator as well as an email sent immediately to the center director with the individual's name, picture, and temperature reading. If an individual's temperature is above normal, they may wait to the side for approximately five minutes and then retest. If the second reading is still above normal, the individual may not enter the facility. There was a motion made to allow private swim lessons to be held at the Kinston Community Center with all COVID-19 precautionary measures followed including masks worn by the instructors and temperature scans for all.

Motion – Maddux; Second – Yarus; Vote – Unanimous.

Corey Povar introduced Scott Alston and Josh Bass to present proposed fall programs and Mike Chastain to answer any questions regarding the proposed gymnastics program. Scott discussed the proposed USTA sanctioned events. The recreation tennis program runs

through the USTA organization and we sponsor junior and adult league teams through USTA. The USTA returned to play in June, 2020 with COVID-19 guidelines. Scott recommended that any recreation tennis program should follow the same guidelines. A motion was made to approve tennis tournaments with the COVID-19 safety guidelines provided.

Motion – Maddux; Second – Yarus; Vote – Unanimous.

Scott Alston presented the COVID-19 safety guidelines for the proposed 2020 limited contact fall programs. Only socially distanced camps and clinics with limited capacity are proposed at this time; no leagues. Josh Bass presented the proposed golf clinic/camp details and stated that temperature checks and waivers would be required for all participants and instructors. The proposed program capacities are: tennis clinics – 10, (8 for 8U); golf clinics – 8; baseball/softball/soccer camps – 20; gymnastics classes – 8; and outdoor trek camp – 10. Amanda Sawyer questioned if there would be more times offered for each program if there were more participants interested once the capacity is reached. Josh Bass stated that there would be waiting lists for each program and that alternate days/times had been set aside for as many sessions of each program as necessary. Corey Povar stated that he anticipates the demand for multiple sessions of each program and the potential of moving toward low contact sports such as baseball and softball in the spring. Mike Chastain presented the proposed gymnastics program. He stated that the health department and environmental health suggested that screening questions be asked each week in addition to temperature checks and waivers due to the close contact/hands on required gymnastics spotting. He stated that all gymnastics instructors will wear masks and gloves when spotting. Gloves will be changed between participants and skills, and any equipment will be wiped down between participants. Chris Bradshaw asked about capacity numbers. Mike stated that in the past, there would be 18-20 participants per class but that number will be reduced and there will be a 15 minute break between classes to allow for cleaning. Corey stated the class capacity will be decided upon based on the square footage of Emma Webb at 15% capacity to include instructors, participants, and their parents. A motion was made to approve the 2020 limited contact fall programs with the COVID-19 safety guidelines provided.

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

Corey Povar introduced Reco Hargett, Mock Gym Center Director, to give an update on Mock Gym since the closure of the facility in March. Reco stated that the fire alarm system, electrical, and walking track had been updated. He also stated that all leaks had been repaired, replacement windows had been installed, and the fitness equipment had been serviced and replacements made where necessary. He stated that there are plans to resurface the gym floor by the end of this fiscal year. Corey stated that a yearly membership for Mock Gym is \$50 and currently, Mock Gym is only open to members, as is KCC.

Corey Povar stated that the Recreation Department has been contacted by an individual who currently organizes adult softball tournaments about potentially offering a contracted service to offer adult leagues in Kinston. Corey stated that in his opinion, it was an area that improvements could be made and this individual has a great group of contacts who could help make this an excellent program for Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation to be associated with. This individual is a Kinston resident and a board member of USSSA. He has a company, so he could provide contracted services at the traditional 70/30 split. He would handle all things program related and Parks & Recreation would provide the space. Corey stated that this would allow an influx of revenue and would provide a high quality program through someone who is highly educated in this area. Corey recommended that this program, if approved, start in the spring when baseball and softball presumably resume. Sue Ellen Maddux asked if this gentleman could come to a commission meeting to answer questions about the potential program. Corey stated that he would invite him to the next meeting for further discussion.

Corey Povar discussed facility reservations and the stipulations on capacity limits when we accept reservations again. Corey stated that no reservations have been accepted at this point. Sue Ellen Maddux stated that she was concerned that it would strain the existing staff

and Corey agreed that we are currently under staffed with part time employees. Sue Ellen suggested that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting and commission members were in agreement.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

***Melissa McCoy***

***Secretary to the Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission***