

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

AUGUST 10, 2022

GRAHAM-MEBANE LAKE

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Jay Cook, Brian Cutlip, Laurie Pickard, Nicki Smith, Tim Beshel

STAFF: Brian Faucette, Lake Warden Steve Hadden, Attendant Keith Jones, Attendant Jack Greene

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 5:55 with a welcome.

MINUTES

-Mr. Beshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cutlip and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-Chair Cook asked about options to renovate or remove the cabin at Cooke Park. Chair Cook and Mrs. Pickard commented the cabin is a potential liability and suggested it be considered for removal. Mr. Cutlip advocated for exploring options to repair the cabin because it is a historic building in the County. The Commission ultimately asked Mr. Faucette to explore how it could possibly be renovated and to install a fence to secure the site.

-Chair Cook asked how the pile of mulch at Zachary Field is to be used. Mr. Faucette reported to the Commission the GRPD no longer maintains Zachary Field but he would explore the possible uses of the mulch.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Mr. Faucette did not offer a Director's Report at this meeting in order to allow time for a possible tour of the Lake for the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette asked the Commission to consider taking official action on the verbal resignations from Kent Davis and Pat Moser relayed to Chair Cook. Mrs. Pickard made a motion to accept the verbal resignation of both members effective August 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved.

-Chair Cook opened discussion for officer nominations for the '22-'23 year. After a brief discussion, Chair Cook made a motion to maintain the current officers for the '22-'23 year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pickard and unanimously approved.

Recess - Before new business was considered, Lake Warden Steve Hadden informed the Commission a break in the weather was around the lake and offered the lake tour during that weather break. At 6:05, Mr. Beshel made a motion to recess the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cutlip and unanimously approved. The Commission then toured Graham-Mebane Lake on the pontoon boat with Mr. Hadden and Mr. Faucette highlighting points of interest ranging from the water intake and solar mixer operations at the Water Plant to clearing violations committed by surrounding property owners. At 7:05, Mr. Cutlip made a motion to bring the Commission out of recess and back into session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pickard and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Cook reported the Friends of Graham approved using \$35,000 of designated funds for the resurfacing of the small gym at the Graham Recreation Center.

-Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on several facility updates and repairs. 1) The painting of the Recreation Center should begin in mid-September. 2) The resurfacing of the Recreation Center floor should begin in late September and is expected to be complete by the start of basketball season, early November. Both projects are subject to contractor schedules but are currently penciled in on their calendars. 3) The roof at the Graham Civic Center is in need of repairs. Quotes have been received and a company will be contacted within the week to begin the process of the repairs. All activities have been relocated until repairs are complete. 4) A HVAC unit at the Rec. Center will be replaced in the next few weeks.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

**Marketing: N/A Parks: N/A Athletics: N/A Centers: N/A Programs: N/A Sports Hall of Fame: N/A
Friends Group: N/A**

OTHER BUSINESS

-Mr. Hadden reported he received a donation offer from a local family foundation to make repairs to the seats and flooring of the pontoon boat. The caller had attended one of the first pontoon boat cruises, loved the experience and wanted to enhance the experience for others in the community. Mr. Faucette asked Chair Cook if the donation could be made to the Friends of Graham group and designated for use on the pontoon boat. Chair Cook will poll the Friends members and report back.

-Mr. Cutlip mentioned the great articles in the NCRPA magazines featuring projects completed by GRPD staff.

With all business concluded, Mr. Beshel made a motion to adjourn at 7:12pm, seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date