

**TOWN OF MINT HILL  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Park and Recreation Committee of the Town of Mint Hill met in regular session on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Mint Hill Town Hall.

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman: Ron Freeman

Members: Sandy Barnett, Roger Bowden, Ray Thompson, and Michelle McDonald

Absent: Bryan Burns and Eddie Mobley

Town Commissioner: Commissioner Newton

Town Staff: Lee Bailey, Brian Welch, Steve Frey, Chris Cochrane and Garret Trussell

Program Support Assistant: Candice Everhart

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Freeman at 8:00 a.m., who declared a quorum and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and observe a moment of silence.

**Addition, Deletion and Arrangement of Other Agenda Items:** None.

**Approval of Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Barnett and unanimously agreed, to approve the minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting as presented.

**Reports of Committees, Members and Staff:** No reports were submitted for the Agenda Packet. Please refer to Monthly Reports and Project Update Page. Mr. Bailey stated, in the agenda packet Mr. Frey has included an email about the Public Information Meeting regarding the Athletic Park. If you have any input please let him know today. Referring to the change in the format of the agenda, we are trying to sync the flow of the meeting with other Board's agendas. There are differences between a Business Item and an update for example, so we just want to simplify the agenda by not having that confusion.

Mr. Freeman asked, for example, you wouldn't want us to talk about a dog park? Mr. Bailey said, I'm not going to dictate your meeting. I just want to be mindful of time and send updates such as those ongoing issues or discussions out by email. Therefore you would be updated if anything does occur. Most of the time there is no change in status on those open-ended subjects.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- A. Discussion and Decision on Request Filed by Terry Brown for Mint Hill Men's Softball League:** *Mr. Freeman asked Mr. Brown is all of the information was the same as last year? Mr. Brown said yes.*

*Mr. Thompson asked Staff were there any issues with the condition of the field or other concerns? Mr. Bailey replied no.*

*Mrs. Barnett asked were there any conflicts with other people or groups wanting to reserve the softball field? Ms. Everhart said no, if anything people like to make reservations on Saturday and that is not a conflicting time.*

Mr. Thompson made a favorable motion on the request filed by Terry Brown for Mint Hill Men's Softball League. Mrs. Barnett seconded the motion. Mr. Freeman asked for those in favor which Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Freeman agreed. Mr. Freeman asked for those opposed which Mr. Bowden agreed. The motion carried.

**Other Business:** Mr. Freeman stated that he had been by Veterans Memorial Park recently to see the new Purple Heart Memorial and that it is beautiful. He hopes everyone can take the time to go by and visit it.

*Mrs. Barnett said thank you to everyone for allowing Carolina Crush to conduct their clinics out at Veterans Memorial Park. They had three of the four clinics, due to one being snowed out. There was an average of forty girls per clinic from twelve to fifteen different schools.*

*Mr. Thompson asked Mrs. Barnett were there any issues with having the clinic on the softball field? Mrs. Barnett said no. Garret came by and mowed and it was great.*

*Mr. Thompson recognized Commissioner Newton as the new liaison to the Park & Recreation Committee.*

*Commissioner Newton said he looked forward to working with the committee and if anyone needed something or had questions that he was available.*

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Thompson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Barnett and the Committee unanimously agreed. Chairman Freeman adjourned the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

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Candice Everhart  
Program Support Assistant