

**TOWN OF MINT HILL  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 13, 2018**

The Park and Recreation Committee of the Town of Mint Hill met in regular session on February 13, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Mint Hill Town Hall.

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman: Ron Freeman

Members: Sandy Barnett, Michelle McDonald, Ray Thompson, Bryan Burns and Dalton Taylor

Absent: Roger Bowden

Town Staff: Brian Welch, Lee Bailey, Steve Frey, Chris Cochrane and Cody Hasty

Program Support Assistant: Cassie Crutchfield

**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 April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting:** Upon the motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of April 11, 2017 regular meeting.

**Reports of Committees, Members and Staff:** Deputy Manager Bailey introduced Cassie Crutchfield as the new Program Support Assistant.

**Old Business:** Mrs. Barnett asked for an update on the Athletic Park for 9801 Brief Road. Engineer Frey said they were refining the details.

**New Business:**

**A. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair:** Chairman Freeman said he was resigning this year and it had been a pleasure being on the Committee. Chairman Freeman asked the Committee who would like to replace him place as Chairperson? Mrs. Barnett said she would volunteer to serve as Chairperson. Mr. Freeman asked the Committee who would like to volunteer as the Vice Chairperson. The Committee decided they would not have a Vice Chairperson but instead have the Committee members be a backup if the Chairperson could not attend.

**Chairman Freeman made a favorable motion to elect Mrs. Barnett as Chairperson for the next meeting and the Committee unanimously agreed.**

**B. Discussion and Decision on Park Major Event Application for Philadelphia Presbyterian Easter Egg Hunt:** Chairman Freeman said this application had been submitted before from Presbyterian Church. Chairman Freeman asked if anyone had any questions.

*Mrs. McDonald said, last year they had 150 or more people come to this event. Can they handle 150 people this year?* Manager Welch said yes, last year we had more park employees to monitor the event.

*Mr. Thompson asked, would there be a parking issue?* Manager Welch said no, they do a great job handling parking.

*Mrs. Barnett asked, does this event need extra porta johns?* Manager Welch said extra restrooms were not needed.

**Upon the motion of Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. McDonald, the Committee unanimously agreed to approve the Major Event Application for Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Easter Eggstravaganza.**

**C. Consider Request by Terry Brown on behalf of Mint Hill Men's Church Softball League to Waive the Field Rental Fees:** Chairman Freeman said Terry Brown had requested a waiver for the field fee for several years. Chairman Freeman asked if Mr. Brown was requesting the same waivers as last year.

*Mr. Brown said, yes, this was the same request as last year. I will care for the field and I will clean the dug outs. We will pay the light fee for every night we use the field. The only request I have was that the rental fees be waived.*

*Mrs. Barnett asked, were there any issues or conflicts while reserving the softball field?* Manager Welch said, there weren't any issues.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Committee approved the request filed by Terry Brown for Mint Hill Men's Softball to waive the field fee.**

**Other Business:** Mrs. Barnett stated Carolina Crush Lacrosse had held three lacrosse clinics at the park. There were up to 120 kids that were trying a new sport. The teams were growing, and the people were excited about the opportunity. She thanked the Town, on behalf of Carolina Crush Lacrosse, for letting them use the park.

Mr. Burns wanted to thank Chairman Freeman for his service to the Town of Mint Hill. He had done a great job being a part of the Committee.

Engineer Frey wanted to share information regarding a new trail located between Wilgrove Park and the Grove Park Neighborhood. The trail was called Benton Nature Walk and it was a half mile long.

**Adjournment:** Upon the motion of Chairman. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Thompson and the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Freeman adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

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Cassie Crutchfield  
Program Support Assistant