

## **Minutes**

### **Pickens County Recreation Funding Advisory Board Meeting**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Pickens County Administration Building**

### **Main Conference Room**

**Committee Members Present: Joshua Morgan, Don Shuman, Janis Miller, Chad Hooper (virtual)**

**Committee Members Not Present: Chris Spoden, Ryan Smith**

1. Introduction and Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Unanimous
3. Interview Applicants
  - a. Dacusville
    - i. Tax and shipping on items requested
    - ii. Risk management issues with current equipment
    - iii. Ada compliance issues
    - iv. Will provide installation quote as soon as possible
    - v. How much tumble safe will be needed
    - vi. Discussion of insurance
    - vii. Increased usage at their parks
  - b. City of Easley
    - i. Differences on price quotes
    - ii. Easley will provide clarity on the quotes and resubmit
    - iii. Filling cracks in pavement with ceramic material
    - iv. Park lighting is a safety issue
    - v. Storm water renovations
    - vi. Why the more expensive quote?
      1. One company did great work, but took a long time

2. Price difference not significant

- vii. Plan to take care of all their parks
- viii. Tennis clinics and partnering with Easley Tennis Club

c. City of Liberty

- i. Will provide quotes for equipment
- ii. Irrigation on field where sod is being requested
- iii. Field does have irrigation and is working
- iv. Choice between netting and sod
- v. Liberty would choose netting over sod

d. City of Central

- i. Paving track
- ii. Roots will be removed by an arborist
- iii. Surface has been there 20 years
- iv. Difficulty with bids
- v. Track will be ground up then sub graded
- vi. Hoping to secure other funds for a rubber surface
- vii. Lawsuit led to settlement from current conditions
- viii. Track project will not lead to removal of any trees
- ix. AED will be managed by Tom Cloer
- x. They will replace battery every three years instead of the recommended five

e. The Sanctuary

- i. Hosts bike races
- ii. Quotes shown to committee, will be provided
- iii. Is a 501c3
- iv. Bathrooms will be installed before the project starts
- v. Organization is new and started last year
- vi. Definition of adventure tours
- vii. TP's for rental

- viii. Will be rented out through Airbnb
- ix. Insurance is tough for this group
- x. No previous budgets or funding sources
- xi. Flat track is already installed
- xii. 5000 followers on social media
- xiii. Van goes with cross country tours

f. Pickens County Little League

- i. Quotes will be submitted to committee
- ii. Discussion of impacts to local recreation departments
- iii. Goal is to expand boundaries and can pull from all of Pickens County
- iv. Not trying to pull from people currently using the rec departments
- v. Fields taken care of by rec departments
- vi. Advertising strategies
- vii. Presenting at town meetings
- viii. Confusion with program name
- ix. Is Easley Little League, but trying to expand to Pickens County Little League
- x. Have had permission in the past to pull from other areas
- xi. Discussion of current and planned boundaries
- xii. Age discussion on what league they would play in
- xiii. Program starts once high school season is over
- xiv. How has program been funded in the past?
  - 1. donations
  - 2. sponsorships
- xv. price comparison between ELL and Rec Departments
- xvi. Grants available
- xvii. How equipment is provided
- xviii. Corporate sponsors get advertising space on website
- xix. Would the funding requested be the difference in budget?

- xx. Increase in players each year since 2019
- xxi. 10-12 players currently from outside of Easley boundaries
- xxii. Discussion of which district funding requested should come from
- xxiii. How program is marketing to entire county?
  - 1. Speaking with rec directors and coaches
  - 2. Speaking at town meetings
- xxiv. Concerns from current Rec Departments
- xxv. Most of competition for rec departments is travel ball
- xxvi. Little league is guaranteed to play
- xxvii. Little league gives more kids the ability to play
- xxviii. Cannot change season due to program restraints
- xxix. Only one local season would conflict
- xxx. ELL does not play in the spring

g. Hagood Mill

- i. Green Site Services quotes provided
- ii. Explanation of different areas needing cleared
- iii. 5-6 acres
- iv. Some sections volunteers have already cleared
- v. Clearing would provide more recreational opportunities
- vi. If work could be done cheaper, would find good use for funds
- vii. Hagood Mill wants Green Site Services to perform work based off of experience
- viii. Other vendors are only graders
- ix. Disc golf course would be heavily used and one of the nicest in the area
- x. Hagood Mill primary goal is to educate and recreate

4. Set Next Meeting to Vote

- a. Date TBD

5. Adjourn