

DORCHESTER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
County Council Chambers
500 North Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483
May 25, 2021
6:00 pm

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Dorchester Eagle Record, the Summerville Journal Scene and the Post and Courier were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours before the meeting.

PRESENT:

Mr. Eric Davis, Dorchester County Parks & Recreation Director
Mr. Jay Byars, Commission Chairman
Mr. Mike Montei, Commission Vice Chairman
Mr. Joe Debney, Commission Member
Mr. Charles Brown, Commission Member
Mr. Edward Tupper, Commission Member
Mr. Wesley Donehue, Commission Member
Ms. Rita May Ranck, Commission Secretary

ABSENT:

Mr. John Welch

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Byars.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

The invocation was given by Mr. Debney who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brown made a motion that the minutes from the March meeting be approved as written. Mr. Montei seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion, one was absent, two abstained and none opposed. Motion carries. Minutes approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

DAVIS-BAILEY PARK:

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 4, 2021 at 9:00 am. Tours will be given after the ribbon cutting and the grand opening is scheduled for June 5, 2021. The scheduled activities will be as follows:

9:00-till Willie R. Davis 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

9:00-11:00 Senior Center bingo and trail walk
3:00-9:00 Food trucks (3)
3:00-4:00 Lovely Hill Baptist Association Gospel Fest
3:00-8:00 Laugh N' Leap Amusements
3:30-8:00 Good Clean Fun Children's Entertainment
5:00-6:30 Jason Lee Cook Band
7:00-9:00 The Secrets Band

The park will be open on regular operational hours starting June 6, 2021. The Veterans Memorial will be dedicated at a later date, likely Veterans Day.

ASHLEY RIVER PARK:

Much progress has been made on the site work as it is almost completed. Mr. Davis is projecting a mid to late August completion date. This will put the grand opening in late September. The Bridgeman River Access site is closed for now due to site work in the parking area.

SWAN DRIVE RIVER ACCESS:

County Council approved the Master Plan with no changes. This stretch of river will appropriate to paddle seasonally due to low water levels during certain periods. There will be signs posted with information informing the public of appropriate water levels for paddling this stretch.

PINE TRACE NATURAL AREA:

County Council approved the Master Plan with no changes. Summerville Town Council also approved the Master Plan as presented. Mr. Davis informed the Commission that he is going to try and get the pond at this site certified to use for swimming. The bike playground course designer held her initial site visit and was impressed with the opportunity. Mr. Davis estimated that construction at this site will begin in January 2022 and will take six to nine months to complete.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further discussion at this time. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Montei. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. All present voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita May Ranck. Secretary