

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 15, 2019

In Attendance:

Members Present: Committee Chairman, Larry Chapman, Barry Mitchell and Rick Shew and Mayor Janet Winkler

Others Present: Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley, Recreation Director, Chuck Raby and Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson

Call to Order:

Larry Chapman called the Recreation Committee Meeting to order.

PARTF Grant:

Rebecca stated that we received a letter on Oct. 1st letting us know that we were awarded a PARTF Grant for \$222,580 as we had requested. The time period for the project is Dec 2019 thru Nov. 2022. She stated that Ron Beane had talked with one of the PARTF Board Members, and they indicated that our grant application stood very well on its merit.

Chuck stated that he understood we were the first on the docket for the grant picks.

Rebecca stated that we need to thank Erin Schotte from the COG, as well as everyone else that was involved with preparing the application.

Fundraising Strategy:

Chuck stated that now we have to match the grant. The Town match amount is also \$222,580. He stated that in the past, we have been able to raise money through donations and naming rights.



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September 27, 2019

The Hon. Janet Winkler, Mayor
Town of Hudson
550 Central Street
Hudson, North Carolina 28638

Dear Mayor Winkler:

Thank you for your efforts to make the Town of Hudson as well as North Carolina a better place to live. Parks and recreation provide many benefits for our residents, including better health, cleaner air and water, and more opportunities for families and communities to spend time together.

I am pleased to announce that the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority has approved a matching grant in the amount of \$222,580 from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for the Optimist Park Redevelopment project. Mr. Neal Lewis, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Authority, will contact you with his congratulations as well as information about how to begin the project.

We look forward to assisting you in meeting the park and recreation needs in your community.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper

cc: Neal Lewis, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Authority

Chuck presented the following schedule for donations and naming rights breakdown.

**Hudson Optimist Park
Donations & Naming Rights Breakdown**

Building/Field	Amount for Naming Rights
Athletic Complex	?
Athletic Field House	\$ 50,000
Shelter	\$ 10,000
Playground	\$ 15,000
Field #1	\$ 10,000
Field #2	\$ 10,000
Dugout #1	\$ 5,000
Dugout #2	\$ 5,000
Dugout #3	\$ 5,000
Dugout #4	\$ 5,000

Chuck stated that we have 2 small businesses in Town that want to participate, but will need time to make their donations. He said that one has already committed to a dugout, but they may need a 5-year plan for the donation. Chuck commented that this particular business has ties to the field, and really wants to be included. He stated that he plans to meet with Pepsi Cola in the morning to see how they plan to be involved. Pepsi, however, does not want naming rights. Chuck stated that Pepsi would probably be involved with scoreboards. Also, Hudson Baseball may give a donation, and they are interested in purchasing bricks for their past presidents as well. For the fields, he has talked with the Jim Poarch family since Jim was so involved with the program.

Chuck discussed where the bricks would be located. He commented that the first Hudson Little League team was organized in 1955. The team did not, however, play in Hudson, because Hudson did not have a field. Skip Down was on the 1955 team, and he is purchasing a brick for each player on that team. Chuck stated that to date, he has sold 18 bricks total. Chuck commented that a lot of people in the community participated in baseball, and he is expecting to see many more bricks sold.

Rebecca suggested that different colors be purchased for the different sports played at the field.

Chuck stated that some of the bricks have already been purchased and are here. He stated that the brick designates how the individual participated at the field.

Chuck stated that he needs this committee to approve his fundraising campaign.

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow Chuck to control the 3-year to 5-year donation plan process.

Larry asked about selling signs for the fence.

Chuck stated that the Optimist Club has rights on the signage for the fence and concession stand. He commented, however, this could be changing in the near future due to the Optimist Membership all retiring. Chuck stated that with our funding raising projects, the fences will be changing, and the signage may have to go to a larger size. He commented that purchasing signage would give organizations like the VFW for instance, an opportunity to be involved but with a smaller donation.

Rebecca stated that she understands our goal is to raise the matching funds through fundraisers. She stated that we would need to know this for sure in order to set up the budget for the project.

Chuck suggested that he would have Mike Norris, the engineer working on the project, come to the next Recreation Committee Meeting, and go over the plans for staging and the complex.

Rebecca stated that she and Chuck will also need to set up a timeline for the next 3 years.

Chuck stated that Steve Minton was one of the original members of the Recreation Advisory Board, and he was hurt because he was not involved with the renovations at the gym. Chuck commented that he has heard from a lot of local people that want to donate to this project.

Rick commented that since the project is under \$500,000, there should be more flexibility with the grant.

Rebecca commented that there still has to be 3 bids, etc., but there is indeed more flexibility with this grant.

Chuck stated that once the recreation programs are completed in late June, construction can begin. So the first year will be a planning year.

Motion: (Rick Shew/Barry Mitchell) to recommend accepting the PARTF Grant and plans for matching the funds. Unanimously approved.

Recreation Center Roof:

Rebecca stated that when the Recreation Center was constructed in 2007, the roof was not properly installed and had to be replaced at that time. Recently Chuck has discovered that the roof is leaking, which we do not need especially since the gym floor is nice and new.

Chuck explained the problems with the roof, and he stated that it is very difficult to find someone to repair this type of roof.

Rebecca suggested that we need to see if there is any recourse with the contractor about the roof being installed improperly. She stated that she plans to talk to the Town Attorney about the problem.

Rebecca discussed different types of roofing materials, and she stated that her concern is that we make the roof look as nice as possible since the building was built with donations.

Rebecca presented the following 3 Bids for the roof:

Company Name	Bid	Color	Type of Roof/Repair
Skyview Roofing	Replace \$56,760		Repair: Tape between overlaps and caulk all screws
Cornelius, NC	Repair \$ 8,400		

Company Name	Bid	Color	Type of Roof/Repair
Barger Ashe Lenoir, NC	Base Bid: \$45,000		
Nisley's Roof Restoration Statesville, NC	\$33,700	White Roof	Caulk fastener heads, Reinforce seams, Seal entire roof
Truline Roofing Charlotte, NC	\$28,820 Varies by warranty	Chosen by owner	Spray-on type rubber

Chuck commented that he is having to use trash cans in the middle of the floor to catch the water from the leaks. Chuck stated that Skyview Roofing has quoted just a repair of the roof, which could be all we need and can afford right now. He suggested that we investigate the long term but not until the roof leaks again after it is repaired.

Rick asked what the normal life is for a metal roof.

Chuck stated that a roof like we have is expected to last about 20 years, and we got about 12 years from this roof. He explained that the problem is with the screws used to install the roof.

Larry stated that it appears we are looking at repairing the roof at this time, and he suggested allocating \$10,000 based on the repair bid from Skyview Roofing, with the funds being taken from Fund Balance.

Motion: (Rick Shew/Barry Mitchell) to recommend repairing the roof at the Recreation Center at this time, allocating \$10,000 based on the repair bid from Skyview Roofing, with funds coming from Fund Balance. Unanimously approved.

Adjourn:

Motion: (Rick Shew/Barry Mitchell) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson