

# Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting March 18, 2014

The Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at Smithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center.

Members Present:                 Richard Knight                         Scott Wright

Members Absent:                 Callie Britt                                 Andy Moore  
  David Lasater                             Clayton Narron  
  Lyn Andrews                             Earl Marrett  
  Angela Rabil                             Daniel Sanders  
  Jackie Bryant                             Robbie Parker  
  Chris Howell

Staff Present:                     Tim Johnson, Director  
  Tiffany Pearson, Recreation Supervisor  
  Kristin Sasser, Recreation Center Supervisor  
  Dennis Tyner, Maintenance Supervisor  
  Jon Moore, Athletic Programs Supervisor  
  Rob Childrey, Aquatics Asst.

Staff Absent:                     Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Supervisor  
  Gary Johnson, Assistant Director  
  Dale Ham, SRAC Director

Tim Johnson opened the meeting with financial data. As far as our budget YTD, we are running a little ahead, or under budget, and our revenues are up. (Also, our fiscal year ends 6/30/14.)

**Sports Academy** – Smithfield and Selma are working together to try and keep kids playing sports in the area. First sport will be basketball. The goal is to have a non-profit organization handle it and keep kids playing here.

**After School Program** - Tim said that Kristin and Tiffany are currently working on a budget for a proposed After School Program to start in the fall. Pros for such a venture are that it would be for a short time period, and not many supplies would be necessary. Will go before Town Council for approval after all our information is ready.

**Splash Park Pool Heater** – Tim said most of the committee was probably aware from reading the paper that a heater had gone out in the splash park. When the heater went out in the splash park, we had to close it, and cancel parties. We had to go before Town Council to get approval to replace the heater. In replacing the heater, we've been told that the heaters weren't top of the line. The new heater has a better heat exchanger, and should withstand the elements better. We will also have to replace heaters in the big pool. Two are down there and two are ok. Laura Crumpler is getting quotes from vendors to replace the other heaters.

**Smith Collins Park** – Tim noted that in the budgeting process, he is hoping to have approval to refurbish the tennis courts at Smith Collins Park next fiscal year.

**Update on "Partnership to Build a Miracle" project** – Should hear in June on this Grant. If awarded, construction would most likely begin around August or September. They still have some money to raise, even if they are awarded the grant.

**Updates from Staff:**

Tiffany Pearson – The Daddy-Daughter Dance in February was another success. This year the theme was Alice in Wonderland, and the girls seemed to enjoy that. We also hosted a Pickleball Introduction back in February, with 28 people in attendance. Pickleball is similar to a combination of tennis and racquetball. Senior Games begin March 31 and will continue 2 weeks. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 13, for kids ages 2-7. Also, the Running Club is starting back up.

Jon Moore – 27 Basketball teams just finished up. Hosted high school scrimmages to benefit Miracle League in February. SRAC hosted "LoCo in JoCo" (wrestling event) with 700 in attendance! Kinder Basketball begins tonight with 40 (3-4 year olds). We hosted a Relay for Life Softball Tournament at the park last weekend, with 18 teams. Baseball getting underway with 7 teams, and Special Olympics Basketball was here Saturday.

Kristin Sasser – Most recent kids night had 46 kids. There are currently 4 pottery classes going on. The Valentines Day kids night had about 15 kids. We are starting to get ready for Summer Camp for kids ages 5-12, 8:30am-4:30pm. We will begin advertising a SRAC summer special in May. We also have a Pirate and Princess event coming up.

Rob Childrey – In February, the Pool hosted an Aquatics Workshop with about 40 attendees which was very successful. We are getting ready for the Summer Swim Team, the Sharks. We have had one Lifeguard Training Class and 3 upcoming ones. Still have a Homeschool group coming which rents lanes during the day.

Dennis Tyner – This has been a long, COLD winter, but they have stayed busy putting mulch out, etc. Now busy getting fields ready for Neuse Charter & SSS Games, and now P&R teams starting up.

Our next meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Ashley