

Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting March 19, 2013

The Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at Smithfield Recreation Aquatics Center.

Members Present: Earl Marrett Daniel Sanders
Scott Wright Robbie Parker

Members Absent: Chris Howell Jamie Stanley
Clayton Narron Zack Parrish
Lyn Andrews Andy Moore
Angela Rabil Richard Knight
David Lasater

Staff Present: Tim Johnson, Director
Gary Johnson, Assistant Director
Jon Moore, Athletic Programs Supervisor
Dale Ham, SRAC Director
Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Supervisor
Kristin Sasser, Recreation Center Supervisor
Tiffany Pearson, Recreation Supervisor

Staff Absent: Dennis Tyner, Maintenance Supervisor

Tim opened the meeting by passing out handouts of the January and February monthly reports for SRAC and SPRD. (The handouts are the same ones that go to the Town Manager and the Town Council.) Tim noted that SRAC day passes are on the rise. As far as budget, we are pretty much on target.

Recent Events:

Highlights in the past 2 months include hosting the eastern region basketball tournament. The Pool hosted the Neuse Conference Swim Meet as well as the Johnston County Invitational Swim Meet. The Youth Basketball Program wrapped up in February, and we hosted the Girls League Basketball Tournament. SRAC also hosted a Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in January and Special Olympics Basketball here in March. Other events held at SRAC in recent months included hosting the Business After Hours. The Daddy-Daughter Dance in February was another success.

Other recent events include hosting the Wallace Ashley, III Relay for Life Softball Tournament.

Tim said that SRAC has turned over a lot of debt to Debt Set-Off. This group takes fees we are owed from someone's tax return. (We have to have their SS No. for this to work.) With their SS Nos., any claims filed against them are collected. In February, we collected around \$9600. (Much of this was from the previous year.) We anticipate more collections during this tax season.

Recent Repairs:

The Neuse Little Theatre, which the Town owns, recently completed repairs to the porch. (The Town owns the property, and pays for external repairs, and the theatre group pays for interior expenses and repairs.) Smith Collins Park has undergone more improvements as well, including repairs to the lighting. Tim noted that there are some big ruts in the ground where the trucks were, but those ruts can't be repaired until the ground is much drier. Tim added that he would like to request more picnic upgrades to that park in the budget process. If we can't get a new shelter, we may possibly move the one from the Municipal Pool to Smith

Collins. (Daniel Sanders thanked Tim for the work done at the park.) Tim also added that he has talked with someone about possibly turning the tennis courts out there into some type of playground for children. That estimate was around \$7,500.

Tim informed the group that Friends of the Park turned over a check to the Town for debt service for a little over \$60,000. (This was from our share of Triathlon and the Reverse Raffle held in the fall.)

Upcoming Events:

Swim Lessons began again in February, and have been really busy. Next group of swim lessons are about full too.

There are currently three Lifeguard Training Classes on the calendar.

The Farmers Market has had approval to move across from IGA. The Town and P&R are in the process of getting the lot ready for the market. The Farmers Market opens on April 12th, with a big Kickoff event and prizes on the 13th.

Pottery, Kids in Nature and Doodlebugs are ongoing. Have a field trip planned to the Museum of Natural Sciences during Spring Break – on April 4th.

Other new items include a Couponing Class scheduled to start in May, as well as a Craft and Wellness Fair that will be held in the Park on June 8th. (Currently looking for vendors who make items as well as others with health/wellness information.)

SRAC Summer Camp registrations begin on April 1st. Most of the P&R camps have now been scheduled for the summer as well, and we anticipate beginning registration for those on April 1st too.

In March, there will be another AAU tournament at SRAC, as well as an ASA Softball Tournament at the Park. Also on Monday and Thursday nights, there is Open League Mens Basketball in the gym. Dale added that on 5/11 we are hosting a 3 on 3 tournament with the schools again.

All upcoming information can be found on Facebook – Smithfield/SRAC and at SRAConline.com.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 21st.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Ashley