

## **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

### ***MINUTES***

1. Meeting started at 6:10. A quorum was not present.

Members present:

Mike Reynolds  
Delores White  
Patrick Wempe

Others present:

Rick Brumley, Parks & Rec. Director  
Sarah Pettit, Parks & Rec. Admin. Assistant

Members absent:

Brant Matros  
Henry Huerkamp  
Rick Mays

2. Director's report:

- A. Founder's Day

- The crowd was okay. It was best between 11:00 and 1:00
- The event was more successful than in the past
- We sold all the barbeque
- The raft race had seven teams participating
- We would like to make the event larger, but we will need more community involvement
- The blacksmith representatives would like to expand their demonstrations into a competition
- The last weekend in September is a great date

- B. Girl's youth volleyball

- Rhonda Thigpen, HSU volleyball, will be assisting with this program

- C. Community yard sale

- The event is supposed to be this weekend
- We are not sure how this event will go yet

- D. Position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

- There is a need to get members that can make it to the meetings

- E. Complaint report

- Nothing to report

3. Old business:

A. Neighborhood park being named Henry Crite Park after a former Parks and Recreation foreman

- The committee members present agree

B. Ouachita River bluff area outdoor education and recreation center

- Mr. Brumley explained the concept and location
- The committee feels it is a great idea

C. 2008 budget

- There should not be much change in the Parks and Recreation area
- There is a strong need for adequate staff at the Aquatic Park. Mike Volz needs to be more involved at the Aquatic Park. Mr. Brumley feels he does not need to put as much time in the Aquatic Park. We may need to train Steve Huddleston to do more work there.
- There is a need for a janitor to be at the Recreation Center during the day
- The Aquatic Park should break even on their revenues. Admissions and concessions revenues were up, but sales were down on season passes and coupons.
- Mr. Reynolds questioned if the newness has worn off at the Aquatic Park
  - Mr. Brumley responded that it may be time to look at installing the new slide.

4. Adjourned at 7:11 p.m. until Tuesday, November 6, 2007.