

LAKE RIDGE PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC. (LRPRA)
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
August 11, 2020 Minutes

The Board of Directors held a special board meeting to vote on LRPRA Pre-School operations for the School Year 2020-2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted as an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting at Tall Oaks Community Center and via ZOOM video conferencing software. The meeting included two board members physically present with the remainder of board members attending virtually. Members of the community were offered the ability to join in, virtually using ZOOM. They were given notice of how to receive instructions for login a week in advance. We were able to have six of the current board members that were not in person, present virtually via ZOOM. We also had multiple members of the community and staff attend via ZOOM.

PRESENT: Board Members: Janet Foote (President), Brent Barnwell (Treasurer, via ZOOM), Tina Herndon (Secretary via ZOOM), Christopher Berry (via ZOOM), Jason Devers (via ZOOM), Jean Lohier (via ZOOM), Mike Stephens (via ZOOM), and Ron Yoho. **Staff:** Ike Mutlu (Chief Operating Officer/General Manager), Laura Krauss (Recreation Director, via ZOOM), Doug Milburn (Director of Administration and Human Resources), Brodie Freer (Assistant Facilities Director, via ZOOM), Rebecca Hale (Assistant Finance Director),

ABSENT: Board Members: Michael Butler (Vice President)

Other Attendees: Mike Zupan (MercerTrigiani) and homeowners

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Ms. Foote called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She explained that the Board of Directors would be convening into executive session to consult with counsel regarding legal considerations to preschool opening. Attending homeowners were advised they could re-convene at 8:00 pm for the public Board meeting.

B. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Yoho made a motion to convene into executive session to receive consultation from legal counsel for the assessment of risk for opening the Pre-School. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. (**Resolution 2020/8-1**).

C. BOARD RECONVENES INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8PM: Ms. Foote reopened the meeting at 8:00pm. She explained to the community participants that the Board had participated in an executive session to discuss the assessment of risk for opening the Pre-School. She explained that our Recreation Director, Ms. Laura Krauss, would brief the community on the information regarding what our staff has done to prepare for opening the Pre-School. Ms. Krauss presented information about the Pre-School's potential operations, safety standards, financials, risk, and management recommendations. Ms. Foote moved the meeting to open forum and thanked Ms. Krauss and Ms. Deanna York for their hard work in preparing this information.

D. OPEN FORUM: A homeowner spoke to the Board about how excited she was for her son to start at the LRPRA Pre-School. She stated she believes the staff did a great job preparing the school with all safety precautions, but ultimately decided to withdraw him due to the concern of the pandemic. The homeowner inquired about the possibility of virtual model for the school year.

E. DISCUSSION FOR VOTE ON PRE-SCHOOL OPERATIONS FOR SY20-21: Ms. Foote directed Board members to begin discussion on their thoughts on Pre-School operation. Mr. Berry asked Ms. Krauss about the number of students that are current LRPRA members versus those who are not. The total numbers were 22 students with 4 being nonmembers. Mr. Berry raised the point that we would be subsidizing more than \$1800 per student and wanted to make sure if that was accurate. Mr. Barnwell asked if Ms. Krauss and Ms. York had spoken to the parents of each student still enrolled and asked if we had gathered why they had chosen

to keep them enrolled. The reasons stated were they felt comfortable with the safety precautions and felt the need to have their students learning away from home while they are working. Ms. Herndon made a motion to take management's recommendation and close the LRPRA Pre-School for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Berry seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously (Resolution 2020/8-2). Mr. Berry spoke about how we have good teachers and management within our school and hopes that we can sustain this in the coming years. Ms. Foote thanked Ms. Krauss and Ms. York for their hard work and effort to make sure we looked at all possibilities to open. Ms. Herndon inquired if we had asked the parents of the students that were signed up for their interest in a virtual option. Ms. Krauss and Ms. York spoke about the lack of parental interest in this option and how ultimately not having the in-person skills and training for preschoolers would not be beneficial to what is needed for that age group.

F. OPEN FORUM: There was no discussion at that time.

G. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Lohier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barnwell seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Ms. Foote adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

Tina Herndon, Board Secretary: _____

Douglas Milburn, Recording Secretary _____