

Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners Continued Meeting Minutes August 1, 2016

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order and had the Clerk call the roll. Commissioners present were Efird, Broadway, Huneycutt, Harvey and Smith.

Daniel Smith reported that the gate had been installed at the Rocky River Park. We will try to pattern our hours after the rest of the Thread Trail sites and will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. He has posted temporary signs showing the times but if someone would get stuck behind gate, there is a loop built underneath the ground that you pull back over and the gate will open. We also have a sign on the backside of the gate explaining this. What I would like for you to consider is some permanent policies consistent with other locations, such as no camp fires, no overnight camping being allowed, dogs must be on a leash, paddle the river at your own risk, water levels change and can impact paddlers, the gate opens and closes automatically, all guests must leave trail head before gate closes, hours listed, respect adjacent landowners and stay on the marked trail, enjoy the trail with a friend, dispose of trash properly, do not disturb plants or animals, law enforcement has authority to enforce and arrest under certain general statute, the following activities are prohibited, consumption of alcoholic beverages, hunting and discharging firearms. At first, I think we need to stick with these policies. The majority people that I have met have been very respectful of the property. It will be up to the Board as to what rules we will adopt in the future. I'm pretty sure that an insurance policy would not allow anything overnight. I will be looking to the board for guidance.

Commissioner Huneycutt suggested that all of the Commissioners go down and look at the park and surroundings before making decisions. It was decided that Saturday, August

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20, 2016 the Commissioners will visit the park. A time will be determined later and Commissioners would be notified.

Commissioner Harvey asked that Daniel Smith do some research and get together a list of guidelines that pertain to any other park in that area. We need a phone number posted at park, as well.

Mr. Smith stated that he would definitely like the Town Hall phone number listed as well as the list of ordinances. He would like to have Cadillac Signs make the signs as soon as the Board decides the rules. The gate maker has his name and number posted all over the gates in case anyone would get stuck.

Commissioner Harvey asked if this was a shared county property. Mayor Burgess offered that the bulk of this land is in Union County, however, we own the land and it's up to us as to the rules and regulations.

Commissioner Smith respectfully resigns as member of the Board of Commissioners for Oakboro.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to accept Commissioner Smith's resignation as an Oakboro Commissioner, effective today, August 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huneycutt and the motion carried.

Commissioner Broadway made a motion to appoint Thomas E. Smith III as Interim Police Chief, effective August 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huneycutt and it carried.

Town Clerk, Patti W. Efirid administered the oath of office to Thomas E. Smith III as Oakboro's Interim Chief of Police.

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Commissioner Harvey inquired about building next door to Town Hall that will house the Oakboro Police Department. Commissioner Efirm said that only a few things would need to be done to up fit the building. There's a counter that will be moved to the front and we can use "as is". He thinks there needs to be a privacy wall – it wouldn't have to be all the way to ceiling but at least 6 feet tall. We need to get telephones in that building. There's a bathroom. I think we need to hold off on cutting a hole in the building from Town Hall until we know exactly what we will be doing. Mayor Burgess says he will get the locks changed to match our Town Hall locks. Commissioner Efirm thinks that we need to get the Naked Pig signs off the building.

Mayor Burgess informed everyone that Adam Huneycutt has put in his two week notice.

Interim Police Chief Smith said he will be running an ad in the paper for police officer. Commissioner Harvey says we need to bring all applicants before the board. Ad will be run for a couple of weeks.

Interim Police Chief Smith requested that the board approve bumper stickers for patrol cars that read "In God We Trust". Bondo Innovations said he would pay for it and apply it to vehicles free of charge.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to use the "In God We Trust" bumper stickers on patrol cars. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried.

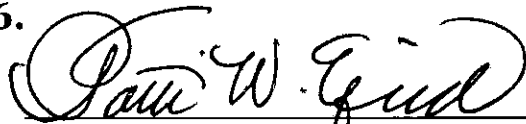
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Commissioner Broadway made a motion to adjourn meeting until August 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried.

This the 1st day of August, 2016.



Doug Burgess/Mayor



Patti W. Efirid/Town Clerk

These minutes adopted by the Oakboro Board of Commissioners in the meeting held on August 15, 2016 on a motion by Commissioner Huneycutt and a second by Commissioner Harvey. All Commissioners voting unanimously and the motion carried.