

WATER COMMITTEE
JULY 25, 2018
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
James Preau, Vice Chairman
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Lee Pope, Water System Director
Commissioner Steve Brown

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Jason Bodwell, CH2M/Jacobs

GUEST:

Angela Hayes

STAFF PRESENT:

Anita Godbee

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Frisina at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 11, 2018.

Commissioner Steve Brown made the motion and Lee Pope seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 11, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH SPECIAL EVENTS.

Anita Godbee reported she has several event requests. The first item is an update on the Sailboat Regatta scheduled for September 8. She said they have already paid their reservation fee, they sent her an email last week saying she should be receiving their insurance sometime within the next week or so. That is really the only thing holding this up. They were concerned about the insurance and the reservation fee, but they got a sponsor to pay the reservation fee. They are basically waiting on the insurance. She said they were not happy campers about those things because they have never had to pay it in the past, but they understood that we are just treating everybody the same.

Mr. Rapson asked how much is the fee? Mrs. Godbee replied it was \$200.00. It was \$100.00 per day which is what a tournament fee is, and they have two days.

Commissioner Brown asked what does the insurance run; did they give her any idea? Mrs. Godbee said they didn't, but when we did it with the balloon festival, she has been told it is anywhere from \$50.00 to \$75.00, depending on what the event is.

Mr. Pope commented he does not think they are going to go to any other reservoir in any other county and have any insurance waived; everybody is concerned about liability these days.

Mrs. Godbee updated the committee on the Dragon Boat Races; she said they have received word that Lake Peachtree looks like it is not going to be filled up, so we need to review this one. With this event, they will start set up on the 21st of September and the start date will be the 22nd. They have already started practicing at Lake McIntosh. Commissioner Brown commented they have already started to advertise, too. He wonders what lake they are listing. Mrs. Godbee said they are going to have to list Lake McIntosh, they were hoping things will turn around that we will have some monsoon weather between now and then. On the 22nd when they get there, they are going to have to be there at 6:00 a.m. The gate will need to be opened or reset and we can work that out with law enforcement or the Marshals Office. We will also need to coordinate with the Road Department to get some notification a week in advance if you choose to close the park that day, also get it on the Board of Commissioners agenda.

Commissioner Brown asked if they will do the full vendors in the parking lot. Mrs. Godbee replied yes.

Mrs. Godbee went on to say there has been an issue with parking. There are only a few parking places at Lake McIntosh. The grass in the lot that is adjacent to the park has grown up really high. Of course, that is not county property that is someone else's property. Mr. Pope stated that is the church's property. Mr. Rapson said it belongs to the Mormon Church and the last time he thinks they let them cut it and put gravel down. Mrs. Godbee said she thinks that caused an issue last time when it was real muddy out there. She said she is not sure how we want to handle this, but she wanted to bring it to our attention, because it will probably be needed for this event as well as another event.

Mr. Pope questioned whether it is incumbent upon us to cut the grass. Commissioner Brown commented that it would be the Dragon Boat folks. That might be something we might look at as a land acquisition in future years, that little strip they use for the parking. Every time we do an event out there that becomes a big issue. Mr. Rapson said he thinks that is actually their access, too. Mr. Davenport said it could be. There is an ongoing dispute on another piece of property in that area. Mr. Pope commented we would need direction from the Board to pursue this.

Mrs. Godbee said when they initially came in they asked the reservation fees and the parking fees be waived. They do have their insurance. Commissioner Brown stated consistency is really important. When you do it with one and you are not doing it with another, then you have to start coming up with justifications for all that stuff. Mr. Pope said he does not see that it is a big fee. Mr. Rapson said we just charged the Sailboat Regatta. The registration fee is a no brainer; they have to be charged that. Do we waive the parking? We waived the parking for the folks that participated in the regatta but not everybody else. He said he thinks that would be the same consistent thing we would do for the row boat; people that are in the boat they can be waived, people that are out of the boat, coming to watch the boat, have

to pay just like anybody else. To him, that is consistent. Mr. Pope said he agreed. Commissioner Brown stated vendors or participants could be waived makes sense, but let's be consistent.

Mrs. Godbee stated they are bringing porta johns, so we shouldn't have issues with the restrooms. They are also bringing in dumpsters; Peachtree City Beautiful will come in to do the trash, they have it really well organized.

Mr. Rapson asked how they have it coordinated with the Peachtree City Rowing Club who is also trying to practice at the same time. Mrs. Godbee replied they have worked that out. The Peachtree City Police will be helping with the event as well as the Fire Department; they have already coordinated all that. They were hoping to use Drake Field and Lake Peachtree but it is not looking too good. It looks like it will happen at Lake McIntosh. Mr. Rapson said he does not think the pavilion will be finished in time either.

Mrs. Godbee stated the next request is the Peachtree City Triathlon, they requested September 8, but we have already approved the Sailboat Regatta. She said she already told them the answer is no. Their second request is for September 15. The park will need to be closed because they will be swimming in the lake, we will need EPD approval from her understanding, and the gate will need to be opened at 4:00 a.m. She said we will need to get with law enforcement to get the gate opened at 4:00 a.m. They have not paid their reservation fee and they do not have the insurance yet, but they are aware they will need the insurance.

Commissioner Brown commented parking is a huge thing for them, too. That has become a big event. They will probably end up parking in the Industrial Zone and busing people in. Mrs. Godbee said we need to coordinate with the Road Department to set up a sign, if it is approved to close the park for that event, coordinate with the Mormon Church for having the grass cut and that kind of stuff. They are requesting barricades and traffic cones and traffic barrels, she said she is not sure if they are requesting that of us or if they already have that coordinated with Peachtree City, because they were wanting to use Drake Field and Lake Peachtree and they have been told it will not be filled for their event either. They did not ask waiver of anything.

Mr. Pope asked if the reason they have not obtained the insurance or paid the fees is because they are in the stages of getting it approved. Mrs. Godbee said that is correct. The Committee reviewed the maps of the course that Mrs. Godbee provided. They discussed where they would enter and exit the water. Mrs. Godbee agreed to get clarification on where they will enter and exit the water. Mr. Pope said he would like to know.

Mrs. Godbee stated the next request is for the Southeastern PANS/PANDAS Association; they still have to pay their fee, they have provided their insurance certificate and the event is scheduled for October 6. It is a fund raiser for pediatric

autoimmune. They want the pavilion and the walking areas. It is not as large as the last two discussed, but we will need to close the park because they are utilizing a good bit of the parking lot for Food Trucks and vendors and things like that.

Commissioner Brown commented it is interesting they are using that park and they don't want to use the water because there are so many other choices they could use for a walk/run thing that would seem like it would be a little easier. He asked if they are only doing the walk/run on the path in the park. Mrs. Godbee said they are only doing it on the path. It is only going to be the one inside the actual park itself, the mile walk. We will need to open the gate early for that event as well. We will need to coordinate with the Road Department about a week prior to let them know the park will be closed. The park will be closed until noon. A lot of these, even the Triathlon, it is not closed all day long, they will be through by noon also. Rotary Club is pretty much all day, the Dragon Boat Race. The Regatta is all day, but they are not asking to close the park.

Commissioner Brown suggested, since we are doing so many in a row like that, on our social media and maybe some signage at the park that has all of these events so people who are kayaking and making plans and want to bring the sailboat out there or whatever, so they will know in advance that you can't do anything on those weekends. He said he knows people will start to complain. He will usually make plans two weeks in advance if he is going to do some kayaking. It would be good for people to know that so they are not disappointed.

Mr. Rapson made a motion to close the Lake McIntosh Park September 22 for the Dragon Boat Races, charge the registration fee and waive parking passes for participants and vendors. Commissioner Steve Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rapson made a motion to close the Lake McIntosh Park September 15 for the Triathlon, charge the registration fee and waive the parking passes for participants and vendors. Commissioner Brown seconded for discussion. There was some discussion about parking; emergency services need to get down the road, times of opening and closing the park, coordination of Peachtree City Police and Sherriff's Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rapson made a motion to close the Lake McIntosh Park October 6 for the Southeastern PANS/PANDA event, charge the registration fee and waive the parking passes for participants and vendors. Lee Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rapson mentioned to coordinate with the Marshals Office to get the park opened early, reach out to the Sheriff's Department, the Police and EMS to insure they know. We need to validate they have it. If they don't have it, we will engage as needed. Mrs. Godbee commented the Southeastern PANDA group told her they had already gotten the Sherriff and law enforcement involved because some of their

personnel actually is involved with the organization. Mr. Rapson commented that both of these events are around 500 people. When you talk about that many people being there, them in the water and all that, it is good to have EMS on site. Mrs. Godbee agreed. Mr. Rapson went on to say we would do some signage like Commissioner Brown suggested. Basically we are closing those two Saturdays in September and the one in October and impacting all the Saturdays.

Commissioner Brown commented even limited parking on the ones where they have access to the park, put something out that says there will be very limited parking on that day.

III. WATER PLANT UPDATE.

Mr. Pope reported we are moving forward with task orders to complete the design. Jason Bodwell commented several task orders have been given to the County. He said they are in a holding pattern waiting on those to be signed.

Mr. Bodwell reported the bid package for the tanks is out. He said they had a good meeting, had six companies show up to a mandatory pre-bid meeting a couple of days ago. The tanks will be unlocked today, so all the companies can take a look. There was a request to extend the bid period another two weeks, which is going to be approved. He said that is probably good news. If they need another couple of weeks, that probably means they are pretty busy, probably giving them another couple of weeks is good because they will fine tune their bids. We want all six of them to bid. Instead of it being due next Thursday, the 2nd, it will be due the 16th of August. Another two weeks will not really hurt. He said hopefully we will get some good bids.

Mr. Pope commented it is the start of the new fiscal year and we are beginning to look towards the capital program for this year.

IV. WATER BILL INSERT REQUEST FROM 911.

Mr. Pope explained this is for the Carbyne technology being implemented at 911 that the Board has approved. They want to do a bill insert to educate consumers because there is an app the consumers will need to download. They are doing several outreach methods to get this information out to the citizens. They have asked if they can do an insert. They will provide us a draft that Carbyne is assisting them with creating and developing. The request will be for September mailing.

Mr. Rapson clarified it is an app you can load onto your phone, but you don't have to have that app to work with Carbyne. When you have the app you can add a bunch of stuff about you personally, you have the medical alert. Commissioner Brown commented that he worries about the liability. We probably ought to have some sort of disclaimer on that insert in the water bill. From 911 perspectives just

saying we are not responsible for the app. Mr. Davenport commented we have whatever liability is addressed us and Carbyne, which took quite some time to go through. He said we have addressed that issue to the best of our ability. Whatever happens with that app is going to be consistent with the agreement. He said he would like to see the language before we say yes, you can do that.

Mr. Rapson said he would like Mr. Davenport to look at the insert before we insert it in the bills. Commissioner Brown asked who holds the data, does Carbyne hold the data? Mr. Davenport said he thinks it is cloud based. We are the owner, but it is through Carbyne, and it is recognized as proprietary as far as we are concerned. Commissioner Brown said that is a concern, especially when we have people's medical information.

Mr. Rapson said moving forward he thinks there will be some people who put the app on their phone, but the vast majority of the folks that he has talked with probably are not going to do that. Probably the vast majority would not, but we need to be able to cover the folks that decide to. Mr. Davenport commented what you will probably find is the younger folks are going to and the older folks are not.

Commissioner Brown stated in the event that something happens, data theft or something like that we need to figure out where those lines are and then what we are telling the individual citizens about whose responsibility it is, if something happens.

The draft should be ready for review for the next meeting. This will come back to the Committee once Mr. Davenport has reviewed the language.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Commissioner Brown said he wanted to thank Leah Williamson for handling the Water Guardians event. She did a fantastic job; she put all the pictures up there, and did a magnificent job of running the event. He said he is very appreciative to have her as part of the system. He said they had Lake Peachtree scheduled for the next one, but they did the cleanup of Lake Peachtree in conjunction with the Public Works Department the last time. He said he has walked the lake bed and Leah mentioned they probably did a good enough job that they could go to Lake Horton which probably needs to be cleaned a lot worse than Lake Peachtree. He said they are going to do a switch, moving Lake Peachtree to Lake Horton on August 25.

Commissioner Brown said he is still amazed at all the trash that is back in the lake bed again. He said he thinks it is the people who use that park, there is a trash can as close as twenty feet away from where the trash is in the lake bed. It is pathetic that people can't hit the trash can with a plastic bottle. Mr. Pope said we are installing some more and we are going to do some signage. Maybe that will improve. Commissioner Brown said he thinks the signage might help. He thinks we need to get a little more aggressive with our signage. Say something about it is

our drinking water supply, don't mess it up, something along those lines. Instead of just don't litter. People obviously are not paying attention to the standard government signage.

Vice Chairman Jimmy Preau said he had a question about Lake Kedron. He said he understood at the last meeting that the work had been finished with the bridge supports and that it was shut off so that the lake ought to start filling. Mr. Pope said it is shut off as far as we can legally shut it off. We can't completely shut a stream bed down. We are required to release a minimum of 1.6 cfs a day and we are releasing that. The problem is we haven't had any rain. Vice Chairman Preau commented we have had some pretty horrendous rains over there and the complaint he is getting is they still see a current flowing. They see the current flow from Kedron to Peachtree and they are trying to keep Peachtree down and yet they are releasing water to it.

Mr. Rapson stated if we completely closed it off, then the complaint we would be getting is that we are killing everything south of Lake Peachtree. Mr. Pope said someone has a withdrawal between the two lakes. Flat Creek Golf Course has a withdrawal, and they will call if they can't use it.

Mrs. Godbee reminded everyone that the Star Gazing Program at Lake Horton is Friday night starting at 8:30 going until 11:00. If we have clear skies, it will be great. As of right now, there are 96 signed up.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Steve Brown made a motion to adjourn the Water Committee July 25, 2018 meeting. Lee Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 8th day of August, 2018.

Lisa Speegle