



## **VEREEN MEMORIAL HISTORICAL GARDENS COMMITTEE**

C.B. Berry Recreation Center, 2250 SC-179, Little River, SC 29566

Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2021

**Present** – Stephanie Walker (President), Dick and Carol Patterson (Maintenance & Volunteer Committee), Christina Prince (Secretary), Ben Prince, Pat Green

**Staff Present**- Neil Robinson (Operations Manager) Paul (M)

**Call to Order/Pledge** – Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Stephanie Walker (President) Invocation given by Richard Patterson

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to Approve minutes (Carol Patterson) Second motion (Richard Patterson) approved minutes unanimously.

**Donation Report** – Donations since August 5, 2021 \$812.75 were for a total of \$14,999.63.

**HCPR Public/County Report** – Paul introduced Neil Robinson, Horry County's new Operations Manager. The county reached out to DHEC about the proposed adjacent pier. The gate that was installed is still not operational. A procurement is being worked out if the gate is not operational. The contractor has not been paid yet.

The park has been featured in the August/ September 2021 issue of Grand Strand Magazine.

Horry County is also working to update the website for Vereen's Park. Board members serve three-year terms and terms for board members were discussed and it is planned to be updated. Currently, this is a board where all members are from District One of Horry County. The board can have up to 9 people. Two people recently applied but they were denied because they did not live in the county. Stephanie Walker, our current president, also lives outside of the county and has spoken to Councilman Harold Worley about her current position and if she will be able to stay in her position.

There will be a pumpkin hunt on October 9, 2021. 150 kids are signed up as of now for the hunt.

### **Subcommittee Reports –**

Beautification Committee – Guest Sharon Doyle representing the Boy Scouts returned to discuss the beautification of the cemetery as an Eagle Scout project with a potential Eagle Scout Edwin Martin. Martin presented the board with a layout for landscaping at the cemetery that included the additional of three benches and plants including Crepe Myrtles, Daylilies, and Liriope. Ms. Doyle reported that Martin will report all expenses for his project and refund any money left over to Vereen's Park. Stephanie Walker called for a motion to accept the Martin's Eagle Scout project. Pat Green made a motion and Christina Prince seconded the motion.

Maintenance & Volunteer Committee- There are many new visitors in the park and many positive comments from people all over the country. There are more people riding bikes in the park. There is a man that is suspected stealing dog bags. Two more car windows were smashed, and ladies' purses stolen. Park and Recreation fixed the fishing pier and steps and brought new mulch for children's areas.

Concerns: Potholes need to be fixed on the park road and parking the parking area in the park needs sealer to keep the dust down. Several areas on the Red trail are washing out. There are also several limbs and tree trunks that have been down in the park for several months. There is a need for a third toilet is the water table is too high for modern toilets.

Historical Subcommittee – Historical plaques are underway by Ben Burroughs again after a delay.

**Old Business** – Christina Prince gave an update on the new map. T-shirts for Broad Road will be delayed until the map is complete.

**New Business** – Stephanie Walker made a nomination for Christina Prince to be Board Chair. Carol Patterson seconded the motion. Stephanie Walker nominated Pat Green to be Secretary. The motion was seconded by Christina Prince. Carol Patterson was nominated by Stephanie Walker to be Vice Chair. Ben Prince seconded the motion.

**New Members** – Christina Prince has four potential members.

**New Initiatives and Community Partnerships for the Park** – It was decided that plans for the Broad Road historical t-shirt would pause until the new map was created.

**Set Schedule for 2021 Meeting Dates and Times** – December 2, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.