

TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH HARMON FIELD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 16, 2016 5:30 P.M.
HARMON FIELD CABIN

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ingham

Commissioners: Roy Miller, Bill Crowell, Crys Armbrust

Staff Present: Town Manager Joey Davis Town Clerk Susan Bell
Community Development Director Paula Kempton

Harmon Field Board Members Present: Chairman Benny Smith, Vice-Chair Jim Patterson and Rick Covil

Harmon Field Board Members Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Linda Ligon and Libbie Johnson

Staff Present: HF Supervisor Travis Aldred, Minute Clerk Meg Rogers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

Charles Dallara then presented a proposal of their plans to enhance Harmon Field in honor of his father, Harry Dallara, who loved the park. Possible enhancements included trees, stonework, benches, water fountain, walkways, bleachers, dugouts, scoreboards, picnic tables, splash pad and a statue of Mr. Dallara. A bas-relief sculpture of the Tryon All Stars baseball team (1949 photograph) would also be created.

The fundraising held in New York City raised \$150,000. The Dallara's estimated the cost of the entire project to be \$1,025,000 and maintenance fees were estimated at \$20,000 per year.

Chairman Smith asked what the height of the statue was. Mr. Behrends stated that it would stand around twelve feet tall. Commissioner Armbrust commended Mr. Dallara for trying to bridge the racial divide. HF Member Rick Covil asked about the signage. Mr. Dallara stated putting Harry Dallara Baseball Park and introduced the idea of an audio back drop, not dramatic bold signage and he doesn't want the name everywhere. Covil stated that he doesn't want Park in the signage and suggested maybe Field. HF Member Jim Patterson stated that he had concerns that you are taking Harmon Field out of our park. Mr. Dallara stated that he doesn't want to take from Harmon Field.

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham stated that he loves the idea of an older gentlemen in regular clothing, it shows the young at heart in later years.

James Payne stated that he would like to see a model of the statue. He didn't want it to be so small that you couldn't see it.

Commissioner Armbrust made a motion that we give the project a strong endorsement and further he would ask his colleagues to join him in the show of support for what this project can do to enhance the future generations and our beloved community. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Patterson stated that he still had questions for them and feels this needs more discussion. The Harmon Field Board had no motion at this time.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk