

3/21/2016 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present: Robbie Shields, Vice-Chair; Patty McKeeman, Pram Fleet; Joe Perry, Bombers Baseball

Staff: Teresa Allen, Asst Director Public/Support Services; Jennifer Nanek, Assistant to the City Manager

Vice-Chair Robbie Shields called the meeting to order. No Quorum was present.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the February 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed but could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Vice-Chair Robbie Shields shared photos of the large crowd at opening day at the soccer complex which included the parking areas being full. Commissioner Howell attended and expressed surprise at the great attendance. There are 62 teams and every team plays twice on Saturdays every other weekend.

Mr. Shields reported that an indoor professional soccer league has started in Lakeland. The Lake Wales Soccer Club will partner with them to help with promotion. Mr. Shields described indoor soccer and related details. Possible future expansion and help from the county was discussed.

Jennifer Nanek reported that our request for funding for the lights did not make it in the budget. Mr. Shields reported on the ongoing efforts to raise funds and support for lighting.

Teresa Allen commented that we need to upgrade our facilities as more groups come and use our venues for their events. The City will need to budget additional funds for this and more specific requests need to be included in the budget. Mr. Shields commented that he will attend county budget workshops to request funds for the lights.

5. Kiwanis Park

6. Lake Wailes Park

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8. Little League

9. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

10. Recreation Master Plan

11. General Activities Discussion

Pram Fleet - Patty reported that they are starting April 3 after Easter. The session will go into June. They had a workday to fix up the boats and get ready for the season. The boats can be expensive. There will be a training day Tuesday. Ms. McKeeman reported on efforts to expand the building which was then discussed. Ms. Allen said she will put the request in the budget.

Baseball - Bombers - Joe Perry reported on the recent opening day for their tournament a few weeks ago as well as their other activities including a tournament on the 4th of July in Vero Beach. Have expanded their age groups to accommodate over 80 kids. Mr. Perry said that their fields need updating and will send a list of items to Teresa by next week. Teresa Allen said that items to be done now will be hard to accomplish but asked that for a specific list and include approximate costs for next year's budget. Mr. Perry confirmed that they will do that.

Polk Senior Games - Jennifer Nanek reported that the event went well although the Webber football team didn't show up. Mr. Shields and others from the soccer club came at the last minute to help. The participants appreciated the new floor and bleachers.

Around the Room - Teresa Allen reemphasized the need for specific budget requests for next year's budget. She also reported on a new Facilities Management System called FacilityDude which will track assets and regular maintainance. This can help staff track costs and be sure upkeep is done regularly.

The next meeting will be April 18th, 2016. The meeting was adjourned.

Signed – Chair: _____