

**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 18, 2016
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

7/18/2016 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present: Alton Norwood, Boys & Girls Club; Joe Perry Baseball Bombers

Guests: Eugene Kendrick, LW Charter Schools; Ron Boyer, LW Soccer Club

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

2. Minutes

The minutes were reviewed but could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Ron Boyer reported that new sod was laid near where the lights are so they recommend keeping the lights off for a month. They will do their best to keep that field closed. Ms. Allen recommended confirming this with Zaillet Suri about the lights as the fields are supposed to reopen. Mr. Boyer explained that they spread some sand and rolled the fields. They can't close all the fields. The fall registration has started and they are working on sponsorships. A summer camp in conjunction with Webber students will be at the end of August. Flyers will be sent out to the schools.

Teresa Allen explained that some projects to the amount of \$500,000 will have to be cut. So the list will have to be prioritized. The fencing is required to be done so it will be prioritized. Soccer Field Lighting will probably stay in so will dugouts at the northwest complex and parking lot at the gym. Pram fleet building and boat ramp will be delayed until next year. New vehicles will also stay in.

5. Kiwanis Park

Teresa Allen reported that the fencing at Barney's Dream will need to be replaced in the next budget year. Kiwanis, Mobley & Lincoln Parks will get new fencing.

6. Lake Wailes Park

Teresa Allen reported that the water fountains need to be replaced the current ones cannot be fixed as parts are no longer available. Those are in the budget and will most likely stay. The pier needs work, the insurance company identified that as something that needs to be done.

7. Lake Wailes Lake

no update.

8. Little League

No report.

9. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

No report. Jennifer Nanek reported that a date for a pickleball tournament was picked but has heard nothing further of the event. Teresa Allen said the shades for the windows probably will not get done next year.

10. Recreation Master Plan

Teresa Allen reported that James Slaton is meeting with the Charter Schools and YMCA and will begin the process. Eugene Kendrick reported that he met with Curtis Reddick of the Citrus Center Boys & Girls Club and they are looking to expand the Boys & Girls Club to include teens. He emphasized that there is a need for a Recreation Director. Ms. Allen said that this need may be addressed in future budgets. The need for a Recreation Director and department was discussed.

11. General Activities Discussion

YMCA - no report

Baseball Bombers - Joe Perry reported that the tournament in Vero Beach went well and participants met some scouts and had a good time. He reported that Vic Martinez was named as the USA Youth manager, he will scout for the Bombers and other players to represent USA to the Dominican Republic to the Americas Cup in June of 2017. Their annual classic is on Labor Day weekend.

Teresa Allen reported on the Civil Air Patrol which is in Winter Haven and Bartow and they are going to start a group at the LW Airport. They will come speak to the Commission in August trying to promote it in this area. They need volunteers to help with this.

Eugene Kendrick reviewed his meeting with Curtis Reddick of the Citrus Center Boys & Girls Club and they have funding constraints as well. A question was asked about funding assistance from the county. Ms. Allen explained that we are approaching the county for assistance with lighting on the soccer field, but they don't help on a regular basis.

Jennifer Nanek encouraged the members to invite commission members to their events and show them what they need.

The meeting was adjourned. Next Recreation Commission meeting is August 15, 2016.

Signed – Chair: _____