

Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2016

2/15/2016 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present: Keri Hunt, Chair; Patty McKeeman, Pram Fleet; Robbie Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club; Eileen Farchmin, Webber International University; Linda Kimbrough, PAL; Victor Martinez, Bombers Baseball

Staff: Jennifer Nanek, Assistant to the City Manager; Beverly Pennington, Streets Division Manager; Teresa Allen, Public/Support Services Assistant Director

Guests: Pete Perez, City Commission; Burney Hayes, PAL

A Quorum was present

2. Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2016 were reviewed. Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Communications And Petitions

None

4. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Robbie Shields reported on the recent All-Star Tournament which was held in Auburndale. One of the girls teams won a gold medal. The Spring Season registration starts March 5th and after Spring break they play every other week.

Robbie Shields reported on a group from Canada that will be using the fields for some fall camps and play some Polk County teams. The group will also visit tourist sites while they are here. Commissioner Perez asked about accommodations. Robbie Shields said they are looking into using maybe Lake Aurora Christian Camp.

Robbie Shields reported on the upcoming Warner University workday in April and some of the projects they can help with.

Jennifer Nanek reported that the grant to US Soccer Foundation for additional lighting was submitted again for the 3rd time.

5. Kiwanis Park

No report.

6. Lake Wailes Park

Teresa Allen said that as we are getting new groups using our facilities we need to get upgrades and repairs into the budget for next year. She encouraged everyone to submit things that need to be repaired or upgrades. Requests for increases to contracts should also be requested during the budget process.

Robbie Shields asked that notices of budget workshop dates be emailed around for everyone to remember. The budget process was reviewed and discussed. Some possible donations from companies and groups were explored. Ms. Allen said that she will accept the requests at any time. Linda Kimbrough suggested that some companies and other groups could help with the needed projects. Ms. Allen said that we get a lot of help from community work groups. Robbie Shields and Vic Martinez both shared instances of help from companies in the area.

7. Lake Wailes Lake

Ms. Allen reported speaking to Nancy Furland who has been out of town and so as some things settle they will get back into addressing the lake.

8. Little League

Ms. Allen reported that Little League has submitted a list of facility needs ahead of their opening day in March. Some will be able to be addressed, others will have to wait.

9. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

Jennifer Nanek reported that the Polk Senior Games will take place on Wednesday March 2.

10. Recreation Master Plan

No report.

11. General Activities Discussion

Baseball/Bombers - Vic Martinez reported that their season begins next Saturday, they are hosts of the Central Florida Amateur League which will play on all the fields on Saturdays. About 24 teams will participate. He also reported on the upcoming Summer Classic Teams will come from all over Central Florida. He asked about a large truck on one of the fields which Beverly Pennington explained that was the Bucket Truck changing the lights. She will help with repairing the field.

Tennis - Jennifer Nanek said that if Norm doesn't come next month to hear about the tennis tournament she will go down there to tell them.

Pram Fleet - Patty McKeeman reported that the new season will start at the beginning of April. Commissioner Perez said he knows some possible volunteers to help with the Pram Fleet. Patty McKeeman said she will send information on a possible expansion of the building for the budget and Master Plan.

B Street Community Center - No report. Linda Kimbrough suggested contacting Roscoe Williams, the new president to get someone to come.

PAL - Linda Kimbrough reported they have 80 boys on their basketball team and 35 girls.

Webber - Basketball is finishing up this week, may host women's Conference Championship. Baseball and softball have started those activities will be ongoing and other teams will be playing at Webber so the fields will be heavily used.

Around the room - Commissioner Perez recommended putting pressure on the Lake Wales News to print some of the Recreation activities. Both Vic Martinez and Robbie Shields explain that they try with minimal success to get stuff in the paper. Commissioner Perez said we should not give up. This effort was discussed.

Jennifer Nanek reported that the next PLSA meeting is on Thursday at noon in Bartow.

The next meeting will be March 21st, 2016. The meeting was adjourned.

Signed – Chair: _____