

RECREATION COMMISSION
February 19, 2018
City Manager's Conference Room
Regular Meeting Minutes

2/19/2018 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present: Keri Hunt, Chair; Robbie Shields,

Staff: Stephanie Edwards, Recreation Coordinator; Jennifer Nanek City Clerk

No Quorum is present

2. Minutes

The minutes of January 22, 2018 were reviewed but could not be approved due to a lack of quorum.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Robbie Shields reported that the Commissioners Cup will be held at the Soccer Park on the weekend of the 24th-25th. There will be 32 teams coming in. The Chamber Cookout will be out at the Soccer Complex this year. Spring Season starts March 10.

5. Kiwanis Park

6. Lake Wailes Park

7. Lake Wailes Lake

8. Little League

9. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

Volleyball - Stephanie Edwards reported that there are only 13 girls playing this year. Practices have begun and games begin soon.

PAL - Stephanie Edwards reported that PAL is done. Their season finished last weekend with 300 kids. She said that Darrell Washington, president, is still looking for a location for chess.

Ms. Edwards reported that Pickleball is still in the gym and bridge is how being held in the back.

10. Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Edwards reported that she has not gotten much feedback on the Recreation Master Plan for Lake Wailes Park. She got some input from speaking to civic groups but not a lot. So they decided to put Lake Wailes Park on hold and direct efforts to Crystal Lake Park. Ms. Edwards said she would like to add more tennis courts for which there may be grants for. Maybe add basketball courts as well. She shared a map where different things might go. Other things to add might be horse shoes, bocce ball, multi-use tables. There is an empty building behind the bathroom that could be used to store equipment such as volleyballs and shuffleboard items. In the future they could have a staff person to be there on the weekends to rent out

equipment. She asked the board members what they think. Mr. Shields expressed support for these ideas. Additional parking may be needed.

Ms. Edwards reported that she met Andy Palmer with Leisure Services in Winter Haven and toured their facilities which included things like horse shoes. She will meet with other cities' staff in the near future.

There was discussion on updating the recreation and parks information on the website.

11. General Activities Discussion

Tennis - Mr. Shields commended Stephanie Edwards for coming down and fixing the net at the tennis courts right away. Ms. Edwards mentioned that they painted pickleball lines on the outdoor tennis courts. They are working on tennis lessons for young kids. The college coaches are interested in helping and this would start in the fall.

Bombers Baseball - Jennifer Nanek read a report from Victor Martinez who couldn't come.

February 24th Dixie Youth Baseball League South will Open the season at Northwest Complex Frasier Field this coming weekend. We have currently reached near record numbers in registration and we are still accepting Registration T-ball and kids 11-13 years old. We have currently 45 kids on our 2 teams.

We have been chosen by Major League baseball to Host this year their official youth baseball competition Open to everyone Free of charge called Hit, Pitch & Run and also the JR Home Run Derby. Winners will move on to the finals yo be held during the Major League All-star game in Washington DC all expenses paid for the players and family. We are coordinating theses through Stephanie Edwards City of Lake Wales Rec. Coordinator.

Team USA National Development Championship Showcase selection will begin in March and again we will have representation from our program at Team USA.

Catcher 24/7 Organization has designated us at Northwest Complex their official location for their Catching clinics by Major League baseball Catchers.

After School program and VPK is in full force and we are already Accepting Registration For Summer School and August Registration For VPK, Once the student is approved by Early Learning Coalition of Polk the programs, are totally Free of Cost.

Last but not least,

Once again NCSA (Next College Student Athlete) renewed our agreement to be their hub in Central Florida for their program as the official partners in getting and obtaining Athletic and Academic Scholarships for our players.

We have had a record number of kids committed to colleges this past year and as of this month with Scholarships academically and baseball:

The chair asked about the status of the lake and Jennifer Nanek said she will have to check with Teresa.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is March 19, 2018.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary