

Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2017

2/20/2017 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Board Members Present: Robbie Shields - Vice-Chair, Stephanie Edwards - YMCA, Vic Martinez - Bombers Baseball

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

Guests: Curtis Gibson, Joe Perry

The Acting Chair, Robbie Shields, called the meeting to order in the absence of the chair. There was no quorum.

2. Minutes

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

3. Communications And Petitions

The chair invited Mr. Gibson to introduce himself. Curtis Gibson introduced himself, that he is a candidate for City Commission and is interested in Recreation. The Chair asked who was running for office. Ms. Nanek responded that qualifying ended on Friday and reviewed the list of qualified candidates.

4. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Robbie Shields reported that Lake Wales Soccer Club will be hosting FYSA Commissioner's Cup this coming weekend, February 25-26th for U15 Boys and Girls Tournament. There will be 20+ teams coming to Lake Wales. He said he sent a message to James Slaton and other City staff asking that the fields not be used Friday night so that they can get stuff set up. Teresa Allen said it was fine. Opening day for the spring season is March 11.

Robbie Shields reported his ongoing efforts to secure funding for lights from the county. The Charter Schools, the Club and City are all contributing. Jennifer Nanek reported that the FRDAP grant is ranked #90 for funding.

5. Kiwanis Park

No report

6. Lake Wailes Park

Teresa Allen said that the 4 new water fountains are in. The bases need to be moved before they can be installed. After Mardi Gras next week they can focus on completing that.

7. Lake Wailes Lake

No report.

8. Little League

No updates. The Chair reported that opening day is March 4 and that he has heard that registrations are up.

9. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

Jennifer Nanek reported on the Polk Senior Games, the basketball shooting event will take place

Wednesday March 1.

Volleyball will start up soon.

10. Recreation Master Plan

11. General Activities Discussion

YMCA - Stephanie Edwards reported on the new volleyball program that is set to begin soon. There has been a lot of interest but not many actual signups. Flyers were sent to schools and there has been outreach on social media. Some community events planned soon.

Bombers Baseball - Vic Martinez reported that next Saturday the 25th is their opening day. They are bringing a Babe Ruth league to the NW Complex. They are assigned to District 14 with Kissimmee, Poinciana, South Lakeland and parts of Orlando. This will bring a lot of activity. Tryouts were last Saturday, there was a good turnout of 27 who all signed up. There will be a 2 week summer camp this year. The after school program is off to a good start. They are beginning to repair the mounds and will be in contact with Ms. Allen on this. Mr. Martinez reported on students who have gotten scholarships for next year. On March 5 an out-of-state team wants to come play so will need to schedule the field as the other group uses the fields on Sunday.

Tennis - No report.

Football - No report.

Pram Fleet - Ms. Nanek read a report from Patty McKeeman, they start the spring session will begin March 19th. They have begun looking into some grant money for more newer boats and a new building.

Lake Wales Library - Kara Wiseman could not attend but sent a report that the WEDU PBS Phyllis Ensign Library Corner ribbon cutting ceremony will be Tuesday, March 28th at 11:00am Everyone is invited to attend.

Meeting is adjourned. Next meeting is March 20, 2017

Chair