

**Recreation Commission  
Board Meeting Minutes  
City Manager's Conference Room  
April 16, 2018**

4/16/2018 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

**Present:** Keri Hunt, Chair; Robbie Shields, Vice-Chair; Burney Hayes - PAL; Joe Perry - Bombers Baseball; Jennifer Leeks;

**Guests:** Scott Blackburn and Mike Henry - Lake Wales Little League; Lake Wales Steelers; Joe Perry - Bombers Baseball; Jeanne Moore and Jermaine Ward - LW Steelers; Celeste Lightner-Greenwalt; Darryl Washington - PAL

**Staff:** Stephanie Edwards - Recreation Coordinator;

A quorum was not Present. Vice-Chair Robbie Shields called the meeting to order in absence of the chair. The chair arrived later.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting were reviewed but could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Robbie Shields said Soccer is going well. They have 2 weeks left in the season. The fields have really been taking a beating and many ignore the fields closed signs. The City has plans over the summer to close the fields for maintenance. Ms. Edwards confirmed this and said that the fields will be closed from May until August. Mr. Shields said we don't want to lose our turf and have to resod.

5. Kiwanis Park

6. Lake Wailes Park

Ms. Edwards said they are planning another movie night on May 25th as the 1st on was successful. There is an online poll for what the next movie is. The movie will start at dusk. She hopes to have an ice cream truck and popcorn next time.

7. Lake Wailes Lake

Ms. Edwards reported on the PLSA meeting where they met UF Extension Services staff. They have training for City staff to remove invasives from the lake. The Chair expressed concerns that the invasives are taking over the lake.

8. Little League

Scott Blackburn said that scoreboards are being replaced. They planned on 5 but the company accidentally tore down the one good scoreboard but are now getting 6. The scoreboards were damaged during the hurricanes. Chair asked if FEMA or insurance pays for it. Mr. Blackburn said that the City is paying for this and handling reimbursement from insurance and/or FEMA. The building will be repaired this summer.

9. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

Ms. Edwards said she had no report. The Chair commented that there is a lot of activity there including a bridge group.

10. Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Edwards said that there will be a Recreation Workshop on April 25th to discuss various recreation ideas and priorities and seek direction from the commission.

11. General Activities Discussion

**YMCA** - No report. There was discussion on how to encourage them to send someone to attend. The upcoming Healthy Kids event was discussed.

**Bombers Baseball** - Joe Perry reported that construction on new dugouts for field 2 will begin next month. Field 1 dugouts were done last year.

**Tennis** - Ms. Edwards said she is working on a new tennis program. There will be a program over the summer and the program will begin in the fall. USTA representatives will come do a weekend clinic. The ages will go up to 12-14. This program and goals were discussed. Ms. Edwards said that we can tailor this program to meet our needs.

**Pram Fleet** - Ms. Edwards reported that Patty McKeeman could not attend but sent a report in saying that they did not sail yesterday due to winds. three skippers attended a regatta last week and did well.

**B Street** - no report. Burney Hayes said that the B Street/Green & Gold had a Guns & Hoses BBQ competition and raised money for the center. Ms. Edwards said that the Police Department won.

**PAL** - Burney Hayes said he would like to look into getting time in the Roosevelt gym again. The Chair said he would go with him to speak to the principal if needed. He said that there are still two football leagues. There was a discussion of comparing leagues and the different approaches. Mr. Hayes is planning a picnic on July 4th at the NW Complex if it doesn't conflict with anything.

**Steelers** - Jeanne Ward said that the two groups need to work together and not be critical so that an example can be set for the players.

There is a discussion of an idea to resod Legion Field with artificial turf.

The Chair asked Mr. Washington if he is still working on a chess club. Mr. Washington said he is.

**Lake Wales Library** - Kara Wiseman reported on ongoing adult craft programs and adult coloring. She reported on the Lassiter Luncheon and Sandy Music Girls concert. Summer Programs are set. The theme is Library Rocks so there will be programs on music and science. They will be Thursdays mornings at 10:30am. She will have flyers ready soon.

Ms. Edwards reported that there is a board appreciation dinner on Friday April 27th 6pm at the Austin Center.

Ms. Leeks asked about the email request for information on summer programs. Ms. Edwards explained that the Family Literacy Coalition is attempting to get a list of all summer programs that they can distribute to interested families.

12. PLSA Meeting Report - Stephanie

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is May 21st 2018.