

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

7/16/2018 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Patty McKeeman, Pram Fleet; Jennifer Leeks, Burney Hayes, PAL; Scott Blackburn, Lake Wales Little League; Robbie Shields, Vice Chair/LW Soccer League; Jeanne Ward - Steelers; Kara Wiseman, LW Library; Joe Perry - Bombers Baseball; Richard DeLoach - LW Youth Football (Steelers); Keri Hunt - Chair arrived late.

Guests: Andy Oguntola, Polk State College; Jeremiah Hanks, PAL; Darryl Miller, Seahawks

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

Vice Chair Robbie Shields called the meeting to order.

Jennifer Nanek said that Chuck Galloway, City Attorney, said that as the ordinance does not require the members to vote in new members. So Scott Blackburn can join the board from LW Little League and Jeanne Ward from the Steelers are automatic members.

A quorum was present.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the June 18, 2018, May 21, 2018, and April 16, 2018 were reviewed. Scott Blackburn made a motion to approve the three sets of minutes. The motion is seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

The Acting Chair reported that their season starts up right after Labor Day. The High School age teams will start before Labor Day. A question was asked about tryouts. Mr. Robbie Shields said that there are not tryouts. An interested player or their parents can sign up online. Competitive Soccer does have tryouts. Mr. Shields described their soccer program further. The park has been closed for maintenance over the summer. Ms. Edwards said the Park will be open to the public on September 15th.

The budget process was discussed. The budget will be approved in September. Ms. Edwards said to let her know if there is anything they want added.

5. Kiwanis Park

Jeanne Ward reported on a fundraiser on Thursdays to sell meals at Kiwanis Park. Cost is \$5. This is primarily for families but open to public. This was discussed.

Ms. Edwards reported that any equipment such as tires must be picked up after each practice. They can't be left there.

Maintenance at Kiwanis Park was discussed. It is usually mowed on Thursdays in advance of the weekend.

6. Lake Wailes Park

Jennifer Nanek reported that Mardi Gras will be at Lake Wailes Park this year. The dates are March 1-2. The parade will still be downtown but the beer, vendors and music will be at the lake. Mr. Blackburn said that this would be a good thing.

7. Lake Wailes Lake

Ms. McKeeman said she heard that there is hydrangea spotted near the boat ramp. Ms. Edwards said there are plans to clean up the lakes and will get details to the committee.

8. Little League

Mr. Blackburn reported that the Commission approved repairs to concession area. Hopefully the repairs will be completed by the end of the calendar year. They are doing work to level the fields. They are done with the season except the junior all-stars this weekend. Mr. Washington asked how the repairs are funded. Mr. Blackburn reported that the LW Little League raised the money for the field work and the City is paying for the building repairs. The maintenance of the fields was discussed.

9. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

Burney Hayes said that the tournament planned for the past weekend did not happen but the gym has been more open lately.

Ms. Edwards had no report.

10. Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Edwards reported that in next year's budget the City will purchase the YMCA and move forward on the North Library which will include Recreation components.

Mr. Washington asked if the City will put their name on the YMCA. Ms. Edwards said that it will be co-branded.

11. General Activities Discussion

Baseball Bombers - Joe Perry reported on a grant from American Baseball Camps which they ran at the end of June. They played in the Dixie Youth Tournament and came in 2nd place. He reported that they are now primarily based in Poinciana as they have a lot of interest up there. There was concern a few months back that many of their players are not from Lake Wales. This frees up the complex for more use by Lake Wales residents.

Tennis - No report

Pram Fleet - Patty McKeeman reported that they are still on break and will resume in September. They have openings for 24 participants and have a waiting list.

Green & Gold - No report. Mr. Hayes said they are going through changes but the facility is available for use.

PAL - Burney Hayes reported on 4th of July event. It went well, it was good clean fun with no problems. They partnered with Amare Stoudmire who attended the event. Darryl Washington reported that their boys team did well at the Tracy McGrady tournament. They did well but didn't win. Signups for football are going on. Andy Oguntola said they have 140 signed up for football. They are trying to do bowl games for Lake Wales. There was a discussion about making the different sports available to different races and groups. A need for a track team was discussed. There was consensus that this would be good for Lake Wales. Other sports also discussed.

LW Library - Kara Wiseman said this is the last week for summer programs. Kids are turning in reader logs every day. This Thursday is the Touch-a-Truck event with various city trucks on display.

Webber - no report

Around the Room - Acting Chair emphasized need for more football facilities This was discussed.

Mr. Oguntola reported on the upcoming Start Right Campaign on Saturday July 28th at 9am. There will be 500 back packs they will give away along with free hair cuts and activities.

There was discussion about other groups that could be represented on this board.

Jennifer Nanek reported on the recent Friends of the Parks Meeting where a report on the County's Recreation Master Plan was presented.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary