

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
City Manager's Conference Room
September 17, 2018**

9/17/2018 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present: Keri Hunt, Chair; Scott Blackburn, Little League; Patty McKeeman, Pram Fleet; Jeanne & Jermaine Ward, Steelers Football; Kara Wiseman, Lake Wales Public Library; Robbie Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club

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

The Chair arrived late so the Acting Chair Robbie Shields called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the July 16, 2018 were reviewed. Scott Blackburn made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Crystal Lake Park Master Plan Presentation

Stephanie Edwards presented a draft Master Plan for Crystal Lake Park. There might be columns and pavers to indicate entering the park area. The plan included a mulch trail around the lake, a boardwalk across Crystal Lake, additional tennis courts, basketball courts, enhancement of the natural stage area, addition of a splash pad, and a possible amphitheater in Lake Wailes Park. The ideas were discussed. Ms. Edwards asked for any input they might have to contact her.

5. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Robbie Shields reported that they had opening day last Saturday. Their numbers have increased 20% over the past year. The park was packed with cars. Traffic concerns were discussed.

Mr. Shields reported that the McLaughlin field could be used for soccer but the grass needs to be cut.

6. Little League

Scott Blackburn reported that they are in the process of fixing the concession building. It has to pass air quality tests. Once it is certified they can move forward with repairs. They are working on the fields so currently the fields are closed at this time.

7. Park Updates

Stephanie Edwards had no report.

8. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

9. FRDAP Grants

Discussion was held concerning FRDAP grants. An option was to apply for Northwest Complex basketball court lights from FRDAP. This was discussed. Mr. Shields said that the basketball court at Northwest is heavily used. Robbie Shields made a motion that we apply for a \$50,000 FRDAP grant. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

10. General Activities Discussion

YMCA - Ms. Edwards said the purchase is moving forward. They are working on the management contract.

Baseball Bombers - Stephanie Edwards said the maintenance contract expires September 30 and will not be renewed. The maintenance and scheduling will revert to City control. Different fields and uses were discussed.

Tennis - Scott Blackburn reported that there is a tennis clinic on Saturday mornings for youth 9 -18. It is being done by an instructor from Warner University. There is a fee of \$15 per athlete for an hour an a half.

There was discussion about the growth of pickleball.

Pram Fleet - Patty McKeeman reported that the first sailing for fall season was Sunday. They had good weather. They have 4 good potential sailors. New commodore is Robert Lamar.

PAL - no report

Steelers - Jermaine Ward reported that things are going good. Their game is home this weekend. Legion Field is currently under repair. Webber & Warner are no longer using the field. They have 130 players this season.

Library - Kara Wiseman reported that there will be a "Campfire Tales" event on October 25. She has a new staff person to help build up the teen program.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is October 15.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary