

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19 2016

9/19/2016 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

**Present:** Robbie Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club - Vice-Chair; Alton Norwood, Gym/Boys & Girls Club; Clark Heter, YMCA

**Guests:** Bobbi Grimes, and Rachel Jones with Independence Baseball;

**Staff:** Jennifer Nanek, Assistant to the City Manager; James Slaton, Public Services Director

Vice-Chair Robbie Childs called the meeting to order. There was no quorum.

2. Minutes

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

3. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

Robbie Childs reported on the opening day of their Recreation League this past Saturday. They had a 20-30% increase over the last year. some kids had to be turned away as many teams were full. The grass is looking better in some areas. Some areas still need work. They are working with Polk County for more lights for the fields but not sure what the current status is. There were some issues with the bathroom that need to be address. James Slaton asked how many kids are signed up. Robbie Shields answered about 450 this year.

4. Kiwanis Park

5. Lake Wailes Lake

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7. Little League

8. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

Alton Norwood reported that the fire alarms have been fixed. James Slaton reported that the fire alarm had to be replaced and the gym closed due to the fire code. The old system was out of compliance so it has now been brought up to date.

James Slaton reported that they will begin work on the Gym parking lot on Wednesday.

9. Recreation Master Plan

10. General Activities Discussion

YMCA - Clark Heter reported on the Trunk or Treat on Friday October 21st and the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving. They also have Tai Chi classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11am at Lake Wailes Lake. They are looking to expand beyond the Y building itself. They need to develop partnerships and grow if the Y is to survive. The pool is a burden and would like to share costs. A possible partnership between the City and the Y were discussed.

Bobbi Grimes and Rachel Jones reported about their new Independence Travel Baseball league with 2 teams. They play their games through GSA and play all over. They have been practicing at Little League when possible but need to share space with the Bombers Baseball group. James Slaton said he would help coordinate between the two groups. The conflict between the groups was discussed.

James Slaton shared an idea to have a summer program where students rotate playing different sports at different facilities. The idea was discussed.

A possible recreation coordinator was discussed and when recreation programs were needed.

#### 11. Communications And Petitions

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is October 17, 2016

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Chair: