

**Recreation Commission  
Board Meeting Minutes  
City Manager's Conference Room  
October 15, 2018**

10/15/2018 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

**Members Present:** Robbie Shields, Vice Chair; Kara Wiseman, Library; Jim Reddick, Pickleball; Burney Hayes, PAL; Richard Deloach, Steelers Football & Pirates Baseball

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Edwards, Recreation Coordinator

Vice-chair Robbie Shields called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present.

2. Minutes

The minutes of September 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed but could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Recreation Master Plan

4.I. Crystal Lake Park - Public Outreach Efforts

Ms. Edwards said that we are still collecting input on the draft plan for Crystal Lake Park. There was a public workshop to which eight people attended. There have been mixed reviews about the boardwalk across Crystal Lake Park. People like the tennis courts and splash pad. Parking is needed. Mr. Reddick asked about cleaning Crystal Lake. Ms. Edwards said there is an Ordinance in process to help with the costs to clean the lake. The lakes have been discussed.

Ms. Edwards described some of her ongoing outreach and public education efforts. There will be a workshop with the City Commission at 5:00 p.m. on October 30th at the Austin Community Center.

5. Multi-Purpose Complex / Soccer Field Lights

The Acting Chair said things were going well with their season. He reported on a donation from one of the car dealerships. Ms. Edwards asked if parking was better this week. Mr. Shields said yes. Mr. Reddick asked about how it is a Multi-purpose Complex. Mr. Shields said that it is a soccer park but there are other activities there such as ultimate frisbee. Park usage was discussed. Mr. Shields invited Mr. Reddick to visit the park Saturday.

6. Little League

Ms. Edwards reported that Scott Blackburn could not attend but said that the fields are still closed and the construction on the concession stand should be wrapped up at the end of the month.

7. Gymnasium/Boys & Girls Club

Jim Reddick reported that Pickleball is going through a transition. Carol is stepping back and he is now a representative. They are planning to organize as a non-profit and become the Lake Wales Pickleball Club. They would like to expand and have different membership levels. They hope to promote the sport and have an advisory board. They would like to be taken more seriously and they hope to get more time at the gym. Usage of the Kirkland Gymnasium was discussed including operating hours.

8. Park Updates

Ms. Edwards reported that Mobley Park now The Howell Family park has a new playground system. Mr. Shields said we need lights in some of our play parks and parking areas.

9. General Activities Discussion

YMCA - Ms. Edwards said we are still working on the contract.

Baseball Pirates - Mr. DeLoach is working to restructure the schedule and practice locations so that all of the age groups are together.

Youth Tennis - Ms. Edwards said there is nothing new. There are still morning clinics on Saturdays. Ms. Wiseman said that she had someone interested in tennis for very young child.

Pram Fleet - Ms. Edwards said that Patty McKeeman couldn't come but the Pram Fleet are in their season she saw them out there yesterday. Mr. Shields asked if the Pram Fleet will be included in the future Master Plan. Ms. Edwards said yes.

PAL Football/Basketball - Mr. Hayes said their football season is going well with lots of participants. He requested possible temporary lights for NW Complex basketball court. He asked about adding a registration form online. Ms. Edwards said she can put a link to a form on there.

Steelers Football - Richard DeLoach said his program is in its 36th year. He would like to step down from the President role. They have had a successful season. They have traveled all over Central Florida for games.

Lake Wales Library - Kara Wiseman reported on her upcoming programs and a new teen specialist that was recently hired. She reported on a recent cooking class for adults and that there will be future classes. She reported on the Depot Museum speaker series. She announced the upcoming Pioneer Days and Beers with Pioneers. She also reported on the Breast Cancer awareness event on Friday night. The Cracker Story telling Festival is in December at Homeland Heritage park.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is November 19, 2018.

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Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary