

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
City Manager's Conference Room
November 19, 2018**

11/19/2018 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Robbie Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club; Patty McKeeman, Pram Fleet; Scott Blackburn, Lake Wales Little League; Kara Wiseman, Lake Wales Public Library; Richard DeLoach, Pirates and Steelers; Burney Hayes, PAL.

Guests: Jim Reddick, Meryl Reiss - Shuffleboard

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

Acting Chair Robbie Shields called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Scott Blackburn made a motion to approve the September and October minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Communications And Petitions

4. Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Edwards reviewed the draft Master Plan for Crystal Lake Park. She said the proposed boardwalk across Crystal Lake was the main issue of discussion among residents. Some members expressed concerns about disturbing the scenic view as well as the costs. The issue was discussed. The consensus was to have a pier or dock out on the lake and a few overlook spots. Ms. Edwards said that Lake Wailes Park is next and she knows that restrooms are high on the list.

5. Recreation Updates

Ms. Edwards reported that the Little League Concession stand is done and they are looking at replacing bleachers.

She said they are working on an additional parking lot at the Soccer Park.

There will be trash cans added to the Lake Wales Downtown trail which has been in use since its construction.

There will be a movie in the park the night of the Christmas Parade. The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring this.

6. General Activities Discussion- Around The Room

Lake Wales Public Library - Kara Wiseman shared about upcoming events including the Cracker Story telling Festival. There is another cooking event coming up for adults. There are new programs for teens such as getting on track for college and Adulting 101 classes.

Lake Wales Little League -Mr. Blackburn said that the concession stands are finished. The fields are closed until season begins. They will begin registration in December.

Lake Wales Soccer Club - Robbie Shields reported on their Judges Cup tournament on December 1 & 2.

Ms. Edwards said the water will be turned off. The all-Star Tournament will be in January in Auburndale. They are looking to add trees to the parking lot. The condition of the grass is the best its been in years. Next season starts in March with over 400 athletes.

PAL - Burney Hayes said that football season is coming to an end. One team is going to the Super bowl this week in Bradenton. Basketball is starting soon. Registrations are coming in. Play begins on the 8th. Over 5200 flyers were distributed.

Pickleball - Jim Reddick said he is no longer the group's representative. They have a lot of snowbirds coming in and participating. He is teaching some players. He would like to still have a Pickleball club in the future. Ms. Edwards said that hours have been added on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m - 11 a.m.

Pirates - Richard DeLoach said that they are starting their 3rd season. They are learning a lot and appreciated help from Little League. Practices start in mid January and the season will start in March. There will be a camp on the 9th.

Pram Fleet - Patty McKeeman said that there season is finished. They have a good group of new sailors. Will go to a regatta in February.

Shuffleboard - Ms. Reiss said that the new covers will be complete soon. They play Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Anyone can come and they will be shown how to play. She asked about electric there. Ms. Edwards said that they should have electric in a few weeks.

Steelers - Richard DeLoach said their season is nearly complete. Their conference has been around for 20 years. Their group was inducted into the Hall of Fame. They had a good season. All four teams were in the play-offs.

Tennis - The Saturday morning clinics continues.

YMCA - Ms. Edwards reported they working on the contract and negotiating the details. The City will own it and the YMCA will run it.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary