

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
City Manager's Conference Room
January 13, 2020**

1/13/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present: Jim Reddick, Patty McKeeman-Pram Fleet, Kara Wiseman - Lake Wales Library, Meryl Reese, Laura Donaldson, Robbie Shields - Lake Wales Soccer Club, Burney Hayes - PAL

Staff Present: Stephanie Edwards - Recreation Coordinator; Jennifer Nanek - City Clerk

A quorum was present.

2. Communications And Petitions

3. Minutes

Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Parks And Recreation Updates

The Chair reported on his recent appearance before the Commission. They will be working on a recommendation concerning fees later in the year. The history and issues concerning the Master plan was reviewed and discussed.

Stephanie Edwards reported on status of RFQ for Recreation Master Plan. The process of selecting a firm was discussed.

Ms. Edwards reported that the boat ramp repair has been completed and the bathrooms at Kiwanis Park were repaired. She said that additional seating has been added to Kirkland Gym. There will be wi-fi added to the gym. The bleachers at Little League will be getting awnings soon.

The YMCA Agreements were postponed from last commission meeting and will be revisited at the next Commission meeting.

Ms. Edwards announced that Lake Wales Live is this Friday. There will not be an event in February as that is Mardi Gras weekend.

The Kirkland Gym will be closed for a few days for tenting for termites.

Ms. Edwards gave an update on various schools' recreation activities.

Jennifer Nanek said that Chow Down Food Trucks have canceled their permit for their food truck events

Chair announced that Little League tryouts start tonight so he urged caution when driving in that area. The Little League opening day is February 29.

Robbie Shields gave an update about the upcoming Soccer season. He shared a concern about goals not being anchored.

Repairs to the Kirkland Gym roof were discussed. Burney Hayes recommended that the gym should not be closed 2 weeks over Christmas break. This was discussed.

5. Recreational Needs

Chair said that we need to come up with a list of needs so we know what to ask for. We need to do a better job of letting the commission know what we want. This was discussed. He asked the board to come up with recommendations.

Jim Reddick asked if the tennis lights were repaired. Ms. Edwards said she put in a work order for repairs.

The need for amphitheater facilities at Lake Wailes Park and Crystal Lake Park were discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is February 17, 2020. The meeting was adjourned.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary