

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
City Manager's Conference Room
February 18, 2019**

2/18/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Robbie Shields, Vice-Chair and with Lake Wales Soccer Club; Scott Blackburn, Lake Wales Little League

Guests: Jim Reddick, Drew Truitt - LakeWalesNews.net

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

A quorum was not present. In absence of the Chair Vice-Chair Robbie Shields called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the January 28, 2019 were reviewed but could not be reviewed due to lack of a quorum.

3. Communications And Petitions

Drew Truitt shared about the new news site online called lakewalesnews.net and he is doing sports related stories. This is a community project. He is writing about girls archery team, pickleball, and Polk Senior Games.

Jim Reddick reported that the pickleball group waits until the high school tennis teams are finished on Tuesdays and Thursdays to play which is later when the girls played. He reported a light that is out again. Ms. Edwards said she will pass on the request to fix it. The schedule of the courts was discussed. The need for more courts was also discussed.

There was a discussion on encouraging more members to attend.

4. Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Edwards reported on requests from more members of the public to provide input on the plan so we are allowing that at this time.

Jim Reddick recommended a hooded light along the trail as the lights along Lake Wailes Trail are bright and glaring. He recommended they be solar lights.

5. Recreation Updates

Ms. Edwards reported on an online reservation system that she is working on. It will be available for use in April or May.

Ms. Edwards reported that they have a draft contract and the City Attorney and attorney for the YMCA are reviewing it and finalizing it. It will be part of an upcoming workshop with the Commission. The membership rates for City residents will be lower and more activities will be added. She will be there often as a City representative.

Ms. Edwards said the roof on the Kiwanis Park restrooms is being replaced. It is 50% complete.

Ms. Edwards reported that a new set of bleachers are on the Commission agenda tomorrow night for the Little League complex.

She reported that the 3rd dugout at the Northwest Complex is being replaced. There will be a new garbage enclosures at the Northwest Complex and Austin Community Center. We are getting a generator for the Austin Community Center.

She is working with pickleball group about shades on the windows as the light is disruptive. The lighting situation at the Gym was discussed.

Ms. Edwards reported on the recent Lake Wales Live event and the upcoming movie night.

Polk Senior Games Basketball Shooting will be Wednesday February 27th.

6. Crystal Lake Park Update

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is March 18, 2019.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary