

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020**

5/18/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Scott Blackburn - Chair, Kara Wiseman, Robbie Shields, Laura Donaldson, Meryl Reese, Burney Hayes, Andy Oguntola, Deborah Waldrip

Staff Present: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; Stephanie Edwards, Recreation Coordinator; James Slaton, Deputy City Manager

2. Communications And Petitions

3. Minutes

The minutes of March 16, 2020 were reviewed. Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Parks And Recreation Updates

Stephanie Edwards reported that there is an item on the next Commission agenda to approve a contract with Sports Facilities Advisory for a feasibility study and analysis regarding future facilities.

Robbie Shields reported that Soccer Spring Season has been canceled. The Chair said that Little League is shut down. They may try and complete their season in the fall.

5. COVID-19 Update

Stephanie Edwards, Recreation Coordinator, said that there have been no changes as far as parks being opened. They are looking at safe ways to open their facilities. Deborah Waldrip said Winter Haven has opened outdoor pickleball. She would help monitor the courts if they are reopened. Robbie Shields said he thought that the tennis courts could be opened as that sport can be played safely. Meryl Reese said she would like to see shuffleboard opened back up. Ms. Edwards reported that the dog park has been opened. Ms. Edwards said that the Commission will discuss this tomorrow. Burney Hayes asked about basketball courts. Ms. Edwards said she doesn't know yet. Mr. Hayes asked about monitoring COVID cases. Jennifer Nanek reported on the cases in Lake Wales. James Slaton said we are monitoring Polk County cases looking for a downward trend.

6. Recreation Master Plan

Stephanie Edwards reported that on the agenda tomorrow is a feasibility study from Sports Facilities Advisory to study our possibilities for Recreation in the future. This will help with planning what we need for the future. James Slaton, Deputy City Manager, reviewed the need for this and the benefits. It will help us determine what facilities we need and with requesting funding. Jennifer Nanek asked if the board wanted to make a recommendation to the Commission on this.

Burney Hayes asked if there is a Recreation Trust fund in the county for more facilities. Mr. Slaton said he is hoping to go to the county with a request for funds with this study. We will put together a business plan to help request these funds. We have not gotten much from the county. This was discussed.

This will be funded by impact fees. Cost is \$42,500. Budget is \$50,000. Mr. Slaton he will request a budget amendment for the Master Plan for about \$150,000.

Robbie Shields made a motion to recommend approval of this contract to the commission. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Edwards said she hopes this process gets started right away.

7. Budget

Ms. Edwards said that there are no capital projects next year.

Ms. Edwards reported that she has accepted another position in the City as Support Services Manager. We will be hiring a new Recreation Manager.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary