

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
City Manager's Conference Room
August 19, 2019**

8/19/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Meryl Reiss - Shuffleboard, Jim Reddick, Robbie Shields - Lake Wales Soccer Club, Kara Wiseman - Lake Wales Library, Scott Blackburn - Chair, Burney Hayes - PAL

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

Guests: Chris Wiseman - Candlelight Christian Academy, Patricia Harvey -Haven for Success After School Program , Dr. John Adams -Haven for Success After School Program

A quorum was present.

2. Minutes

The minutes of July 15 were reviewed. Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Dr. John Adams Tennis Presentation

John Adams, Haven for Success, described a possible tennis program for Lake Wales. He has coached tennis for 30 years. He would like to be a part of the growing recreation program in Lake Wales. This possibility was discussed. The Commission gave their consensus for City Staff to work with Dr. Adams to develop a program.

4. Recreation Updates

Ms. Edwards said that they are looking to replace the door at the Pram Fleet Shed.

The schedule for the Kirkland Gym was discussed. The Chair reported that their will be separate teams for Bok South & North in volleyball and basketball so gym space may me tight. This will also be true for soccer.

Robbie Shields reported on his Top Soccer program for special needs students.

Burney Hayes reported on their Fishing with the Sheriff's Officers event. This included PAL organizations from Lakeland and it was at Spirit Lake. Everyone had a good time.

There was a question about the status of the purchase of the YMCA. Ms. Edwards reported that this was still being worked out by the lawyers. She noted that the YMCA has been helpful in providing a location for the Seahawks to play.

5. Park Updates

Ms. Edwards reported that the Crystal Lake Park is back open after repairs were done on a broken pipe.

Robbie Shields reported that the Soccer Park had maintenance done over the summer and it looks nice. Mr. Shields reported on their Top Soccer Program for students with special needs. He shared about other upcoming events.

Jim Reddick reported that the Tennis Courts had yard clippings on them after recent mowing in Crystal Lake Park. Ms. Edwards said this was an oversight and will be addressed.

Jim Reddick reported a possible theft of a bicycle. Ms. Edwards suggested contacting the Police Department directly.

6. Communications And Petitions

Jim Reddick expressed concern about the Tennis instruction reserving all 5 courts on Saturday mornings. This was discussed. Ms. Edwards emphasized that if not all the courts are in use than others can use them. This was discussed. Consensus was to allow the youth to have priority as pickleball has their own scheduled time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting is September 16.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary