

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
October 19, 2020**

This meeting was conducted via teleconference

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, issued by the Office of Governor Ron Desantis on March 20, 2020, extended via Executive order no. 20-112, and further extended by Executuve Orders No 20-114, 20-150, 20-179, and 20-246 municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location, and utilizing communications media technology such as telephonic or video conferencing, as provided by Section 120.54 (5)(b)2, Florida Statutes.

The City of Lake Wales held this virtual public meeting using the GoToMeeting Web/Teleconference service.

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1. Call To Order And Roll Call

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

Guests: Keri Hunt

Staff Present: Stephanie Edwards - Support Services Manager, Jennifer Nanek - City Clerk

2. Communications And Petitions

3. Minutes

The minutes of September 21, 2020 were reviewed. Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. COVID-19 Update

Stephanie Edwards reported that many facilities are open and groups such as soccer are beginning to play. The gym and tennis pro shop are still closed and we are still not doing rentals. Kara Wiseman reported that the Library is looking to reopen on November 2. They are still doing curbside service and books-by-mail.

5. Parks And Recreation Updates

Ms. Edwards said they hope to have a contract to go before the Commission in November for the Recreation Master Plan. They hope to have a rough draft of the feasibility analysis by next week.

Thy are looking to begin the parking lot project at the YMCA in the next 6 months. The Chair asked about plans for other upgrades. Ms. Edwards reported that the AC units have been upgraded. They are looking at new fence work in the child care area. The open field will be for additional parking. They replaced the retention wall near the playground for safety reasons. A survey was done of the members to see what upgrades were a priority. The parking lot was a top priority. Robbie Shields asked about possible new programs. Ms. Edwards said new programs are being discussed and the new staff person may assist with that. The Chair asked about pool maintenance requests. Ms. Edwards said those could be emailed to her and YMCA staff. Mr. Shields asked if there are programs will participants be registered through the City or the YMCA. Ms. Edwards said that would be done through the YMCA.

A new person has been hired to fill the Recreation Lead position. She will start October 27.

Chair asked about Football leagues, the Seahawks and Steelers. Ms. Edwards reported that the Seahawks are going through the County and playing at Washington Park. The Steelers have postponed their games.

The Chair asked about the High School Soccer team. Ms. Edwards reported that they are working on an action plan. Field space for the high school is limited. This was discussed.

The Chair reported that Bok Academy will not do any sports this year.

Keri Hunt asked about water fountains. Can they be turned on? Ms. Edwards said she will look into this.

Robbie Shields said he would like lights for shuffleboard courts.

Deborah Waldrip asked about redoing the tennis courts. She would like one to have one court with pickleball nets and courts.

Burney Hayes said he would still like lights at Fraser Fields. Ms. Edwards said these are in the CIP.

Robbie Shields asked about youth Tennis. Ms. Edwards said this has been put to the side for now but as the new staff comes on this can be looked into.

Keri Hunt asked about trail maintenance and cleaning out Lake Wailes lake. Stephanie Edwards said she would let Beverly know the concerns about the trail and investigate the lake. Robbie Shields said that there are weeds and trash in the drains by the shuffleboard courts.

The Chair asked if Ms. Edwards can be emailed maintenance requests as they happen. Ms. Edwards said yes and encouraged everyone to reach out at anytime.

Keri Hunt mentioned weeds on the Rails to Trails. Ms. Edwards said she will pass that on.

6. Recreation Master Plan

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary