

# PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 7:00am on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Chairman David Schrader, Bertell Butler, Rob Oman and Launi Schmutz-Harden were in attendance. Stephen Blanchard attended as a potential new member.

The August 8, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved. (There was no quorum in July.)

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Two umbrellas have been replaced outside by the pool deck.
- The Parks & Recreation Master Plan will be updated beginning in the new fiscal year
- The tree that was dead in Jasmine Park has been removed

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Application for Grand Blvd has been submitted to the County. The question was asked if it will be an improvement from what the path currently is
- Caribbean Chillers concert – first concert of the season. Date is October 7<sup>th</sup> and a large crowd is expected. Food and beverages are needed. What is to be done about allowing golf carts in the perimeters of the park. The City has pushed them back a few times
- The End of Summer Extravaganza event was well attended with approximately 400 people, including adults. Many stayed after for the Movie Night and the FD and PD provided vehicles for show
- The Activity Pool project is getting close to completion. Plaster is being applied next week and the tile should be done soon. Another pool will follow when this is done, but which one is unknown. The question was asked whether there was a chance of a second slide being put in.
- Evergreen is the consultant for the Wage Classification study. The adjustment is to bring City employees to a fraction above mid-range. The question was asked which cities were the City of New Port Richey's wages being compared to

- Steve Blanchard should be on the Board by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week with everything in to Judy as far as the application. The approval is on the agenda for the next Council meeting
- Kevin spoke to Hurricane Idalia and the fact that it did not affect the Recreation Center. He gave kudos to the staff of the Rec Center; there were approximately 80 people at the EOC.
- Carol asked about a donation for special needs equipment to be put in one of the parks. Is it in the master plan? "All ability" park?

The meeting adjourned at 7:36am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krista J. Schiano