

# **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 11, 2024**

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, June 11, 2024. Board Members Chairman David Schrader, Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, and Stephen Blanchard were in attendance. Launi Schmutz-Harden was not in attendance. Tad Clements and Kevin Robinson were in attendance as guests. This was their second meeting attended.

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The May 14, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

- Advisory Board member recruitment  
This topic will continue to be part of the agenda until all Board seats are filled.
- Recreational trails program (RTP)  
An update was given on the status of the grant request. The presentation is scheduled for July 16th for the grant request for Grey Preserve.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Hometown Extravaganza Event: June 29, 2024, 4pm – 9pm  
The Hit Factory will be the entertainment. Bounce houses, face painting and games will be featured and both a hot dog and watermelon eating contest will occur. Volunteers will be needed to help with the different attractions.
- City of New Port Richey Centennial Celebration  
As a kick-off to the City's Centennial Celebration, a city-wide scavenger hunt will be launched during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Extravaganza. August will have a guided kayak tour on the Cotee River and in September, a game show night will be held. 100NPR.org is the website for information regarding the Centennial.
- FY 24-25 Budget Conversation

The budget process and timing were briefly discussed and notifications will be sent out to everyone to let them know when the budget presentation meetings are being held.

- The digital sign in Sims Park and the “no dogs permitted” signs were brought up. Stephen asked for more information in regards to the “no dogs permitted” signs
- Rob asked whether closed-captioning for the movies at Family Movie night could be arranged
- June / July Wrap-ups  
The last Kids Night Out was held May 25<sup>th</sup> and they will restart in August.

#### **4. UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS/REC PROGRAMS/LEAGUES**

Staff provided a general overview of the upcoming events.

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event – Sat. June 29<sup>th</sup>, Sims Parks & Orange Lake

The meeting adjourned at 7:35am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krista J. Schiano