

**NEW PORT RICHEY PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2015

7:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 11, 2015 (no quorum last meeting)
- September 8, 2015

2. OLD BUSINESS

- Cotee River Clean-up - 119 participants
- FRPA Awards Presentations (John & Joy) at City Council
- Movie Screens - Sims Park

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Youth Advisory Board Cardboard Camp-out - Canned Food Donations
- Fitness Center Floor Plan Hand-out
- Zombie Fun Run - Need Volunteers
- Recommend New Advisory Board Members (alternates)
- Parks Master Plan in 2016
- Day Care Standard Operating Procedures - Hand-out

4. SPECIAL EVENTS

- Zombie Fun Run at Grey Preserve - Saturday, October 17: 8:15am
- Trick or Treat Event at RAC - Saturday, October 24: 4-6pm

- Free Movie Night - Saturday, October 24 at 6:30pm
- 2nd Annual Puppy Paddle - Saturday, October 31: 11am-3:30pm
- A Walk in Time with City Council - Saturday, November 7: 9-10am
- Coteeman Triathlon - Saturday, November 14: 7:30am-12pm
- Cardboard Campout - Saturday, November 14

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2015

Greg Giordano called the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to order at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Board Members Betty Black, Joy Phillips, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were also in attendance. There was not a quorum and the August meeting minutes were not able to be voted on for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Youth Focus Group - We had a group of about 20 children ages 3-11 years attend to preview features of the new Sims Park playground; they voted on their interest in those features (shown in 1-minute segments on the movie screen in the gymnasium); some pictures were published in the Suncoast News.
- Sims Park Project Up-date - Playground and Fit Zone are ready to be ordered; prep work for sidewalks and at retention pond is continuing from last week; Pavers and Roadway meeting this Thursday.
- Recreation & Aquatic Center Up-date - There will be a meeting this week to discuss the plan for the facility.
- Nature Coast Home Show - We had people lined up outside before the doors opened; the event organizer and vendors were very happy with the attendance. The NPR City booth represented Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and Development Services to let those in the community know what is available to them; programs for homeowners. Small tool boxes and paint brushes were given out.
- Kayak Launch - Agenda item for City Council meeting next week; have enough funding for the Grey Preserve; should be completed by November, 2015.
- Small Library Box suggestion for people to be able to read in the Park; passed idea on to the Library Director
- August Pool Party - Had good attendance; 234 participants

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board positions - Mike resigned; Joy moves into position as a regular member; that leaves two alternate positions open.
- FRPA Conference Annual Awards & Banquet - Joy and John won awards; out of 276 Parks & Recreation departments in the state of Florida, 1 volunteer award was given (Joy was the only recipient in that category); John was the very first recipient of the Golden Shovel award and only 1 award was given in that category. The Fit Phantom did not receive an award this year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 9/11 Event this Friday at Orange Lake; music begins at 6:30pm with the program beginning at 7pm.
- River Clean-up will be September 19th; everyone will meet at the Sims Boat Ramp at 8am to pick up their t-shirts, gloves, and garbage bags. The cook-out will be at Frances Ave Park at 11:30am.
- Free Movie Night will be at the Recreation & Aquatic Center on Saturday, September 26th - Despicable Me 2 (Minions)

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Discussion briefly touched on upcoming construction, events, Grand Opening, new policies and procedures for Day Care, Concert Series for Sims Park, etc.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13th.

The meeting was then (informally) adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M. Black
Parks & Recreation Board, Secretary

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