

# **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

April 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:30am on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Chairman David Schrader, and Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Joy Phillips, Rob Oman, Elizabeth Giordano, Greg Giordano, Justin Billings, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The March 14, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Skylar Diggins – Meet & Greet/Basketball Game/Charity Game – Thank you to Dave, Carolyn, and Joy for participating in the Meet & Greet. The Basketball Camp went very well and the short game with the staff was fun. Next year, we would like to have a longer game with staff after the Camp, make it a Charity event, and she will Live Stream it on her Facebook page.
- Concessions Open – The Concession area at the RAC is being run by 2 seasonal employees during Spring Break, on the Weekends, and every day during the Summer.
- Spring Camp – Spring Camp filled up and was run by our regular staff, along with a few volunteers, and it went very well.
- Saturday Movie Night – It is estimated that there were about 600 in attendance. Moana was there to pose for pictures with the children and they loved her. RRHS Varsity Football Team was there and gave away over 200 footballs. Next month the movie will be “Sing”. The June movie is the “Batman Lego Movie”.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- P & R Web Page Demo – The IT Department is not here to do the demo. We will go live with this soon.
- Summer Camp Registration – Registration began yesterday. We are confident that Summer Camp will fill up this year.
- Chasco Float “Most Outstanding Non-Professional” – Joy volunteered to assist the Parks staff in building the float during her Spring Break. The float was awarded “Most Outstanding Non-Professional”. One Council Member liked it so much, it was suggested to save it to use for a Veteran’s Day event in November.

- Easter Egg Hunt w/Lighthouse for the Blind (April 8<sup>th</sup>) – All of the children were very polite and there was no pushing, running, etc. The event was held at the James E. Grey Preserve. The Youth Advisory Board enjoyed helping with the event.
- Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Crews Lake – Marketing Booth – The County is hosting the event and we are sending one staff member to work a booth. Elaine will be working with a group of volunteers from Gulf Middle School to do some clean-up and plant a flower bed at Frances Avenue Park on the same day.
- \*Comments – We are ahead of the trend of providing Outdoor Fitness Centers. Silver Sneakers continues to grow with the latest payment check of just under \$2,500.00. A new Parks & Recreation brochure has been created (rough draft passed around). This brochure will be distributed to the Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, Main St., etc. A new one will be created and distributed every 4 months (3xs a year). A grill to be added at shelter #5 at Sims Park.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Easter Egg Hunt, April 15<sup>th</sup> (RAC): 10am-1pm – Annual Members will be free; all others will pay \$3.00 daily fee to use inflatable slides, pools, basketball courts, etc.
- Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Frances Avenue Park), Gulf Middle School – We talked about earlier in the meeting.
- Relay for Life, April 29<sup>th</sup> (Sims Park) – The City has a team.
- Steering Committee Meeting, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Peace Hall): 1pm – Please note that the date and place for the meeting has been changed.
- City Council Work Session/Parks Master Plan, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (City Hall): 5pm – All are invited to attend.
- Discover the Preserve – National Kids to Parks Day, May 6<sup>th</sup> (Grey Preserve): 9-11am (Advisory Board Invited to Assist) – The children will be making Bird Feeders, and doing a Nature Scavenger Hunt. We will have a display booth showing the plan for future development of the 14 acre parcel of the Grey Preserve. Please let Elaine know if you would like to volunteer.

### VOX POP

Carolyn suggested that it be added to the brochure how to apply to be on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

It was noted that the name of the movie “Moana” was not included on the sign.

Justin did not receive an invitation to the Volunteer Dinner, so Elaine gave hers to Justin. Dave also turned in an address change.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9th at 7:30am.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Marlowe*

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