

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:30am on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Chairman David Schrader, and Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Joy Phillips, Dana Suiters, Elizabeth Giordano, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The May 9, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recreation & Aquatic Center Operations during Construction – It has been a challenge with offices being moved and the check-in desk being moved to the side entrance, but things are now running very well. Two temporary staff have been hired to help with the check-in process. Summer Camp campers are dropped off and picked up at the back entrance. This has been running very smoothly.
- No Advisory Board Meeting in July
- Groundbreaking – Recreation & Aquatic Center – There was a very good turnout. Dave Schrader represented the Advisory Board and spoke.
- Grey Preserve – North Entry – Status Report – Kimley-Horn will be making a presentation at the June 20th City Council meeting. There will be a kick-off meeting on June 23rd.
- Shade Structures – Sims Park – The two new shade structures have been installed. They were up in time for the first concert in the Summer Concert Series.
- Family Movie Night – May 20th – Since there was construction in progress for the new shade structures, seating was limited. Attendance for the movie was around 250.
- Summer Concert – June 3rd – It was very well attended with 500+ in attendance.
- Summer Camp – Full – Camp has 90 participants enrolled every week. Fewer campers were taken this year due to the construction at the RAC. Everything is running smoothly. The Free Summer Food Program is in full swing with many campers participating, as well as some from the community.

- Frances Avenue Park Restrooms – Status Report – A picture of the rendering was passed around. It is going to bid very soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2nd LED Board Installed – Sims Park – It has been recently installed and is working fine. It has already been used for the 2 events since being installed.
- New Marquee & Entry Sign – Recreation & Aquatic Center – A rendering of the sign was passed around. It will match the new wayfinding signs that are being installed in New Port Richey. It will have a digital marquee on the bottom of the sign.
- Recreation & Aquatic Center Program – Hand-out – 1,000 programs have been printed and placed around town and the RAC. The next one is under production and will cover September through December, 2017. When the new website is up, information for that will be included.
- Playful City USA Community (9th Consecutive Year) – New Port Richey has been awarded again as a Playful City USA. Only 258 cities in the entire United States were named Playful Cities for 2017. This designation will be included in the next program.
- Bike Repair Station – Sims Park – It was recently installed next to the playground at Sims Park, but has been taken down to be relocated.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 17th – “Alter Eagles” Concert at Sims Park 7-8:30pm
- June 24th – Summertime in the City at Sims Park 5-8pm
- June 24th – Family Movie Night “Batman Lego” movie at Sims Park 8:30pm. 300 Batman Lego sets will be given out to the first 300 children in line.
- June 24th & 25th – World Ham Radio Day at Sims Park
- June 30th & July 1st – KIAFest Main Street Blast at Sims Park
- July 8th – “Matt Winter Band” Concert at Sims Park 7-8:30pm
- July 22nd – “Shawn Brown” Concert at Sims Park 7-8:30pm
- July 29th – Family Movie Night “Trolls” at Sims Park

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Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8th at 7:30am at Peace Hall.
The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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