

# **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

October 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:05am on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Board Members Chairman Dave Schrader, Carolyn Marlowe, Greg Giordano, Elizabeth Giordano, Joy Phillips, Dana Suiters, Rob Oman and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The September 11, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Cotee River Clean-up (321 Volunteers) – Not as much debris was collected as in the past.
- Concert in the Park (Almost ABBA) – There was the largest turnout ever for the concert series: 1,800+
- Drive-In Movie – Attendance was lighter than usual, but there was rain early in the evening. 27 cardboard cars were judged by Joy Phillips and Al Renedo. Ribbons were handed out by Chairman Dave Schrader and Jessica, from the NPR Library.
- Youth Splash & Dash – 20+ Youth attended this non-competitive event. The staff did a fabulous job in running the event. The Gulf Middle School Cheerleaders were there to cheer them on.
- YAB Zombie Fun Run – Over 75 families had a great time. A video of the event was posted on Facebook.
- Member Coffee – All new members are invited to the coffee but any member may attend. This has been well attended and enjoyed by all.
- Jasmin Park Up-date – The new sidewalks are in. They will be stained pink 30 days after they were poured. A new picnic table and benches will be installed soon, as well as new landscape. The new sign with the correct spelling will be installed after the new year.
- Frances Avenue Park Bathrooms have been completed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Toddler Time – It's a new program that will be held on Wednesday before and after Child Watch. It's a chance for parents and toddlers to have play time together. A variety of toys will be provided.

- New Classes – Zumba on Mondays has had a great turnout. Silver Sneakers Yoga is on Wednesday. Low Impact Dumbbell Workout is being held on Tuesday evenings and may add Thursday evenings. Fencing has also been added, but has had a low turnout.
- March Concert – Jimmy Buffet Tribute: There will be an opening act and special promotion for this concert.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Athletic Conference Swim Meet – October 12 & 13: This is a huge event.
- Fitness in the Park; Sims Park Stage; October 20 at 10am – This event is held monthly to promote classes and has a giveaway. This month will be Zumba.
- Community Clean-up at Frances Avenue Park – October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Scare Trails at Grey Preserve – October 20: 6-9pm. Friendly Kia provides a trolley for transportation. Over 350 attended last year.
- Puppy Paddle – October 27: 11am-3:30pm. The dogs may dress in Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded.
- Trunk or Treat – October 27: 5:30pm at the RAC
- NPR Concert – October 27 (Forever Styx): 7-8:30pm

### VOX POP

Elizabeth Giordano asked why there was a fence around Avery Park on the west side of US Highway 19.

Dave Schrader asked about the attendance at Child Watch. Elaine reported that it has been good.

A question was asked about the progress of the new project at the Grey Preserve. Elaine reported that it is progressing and they are waiting on SWFWMD to finish their assessment.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7am at the RAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe  
Secretary