

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Board Members Chairman Dave Schrader, Joy Phillips, Justin Billings, Al Renedo, Greg Giordano, Elizabeth Giordano, Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Dana Suiters, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The February 12, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Smithsonian Museum Exhibition – Thank you to those that were able to attend on Friday and/or Saturday. We had a good “Tailgate Party” on Friday and 150 attended on Saturday. The speakers on Wednesday were Ryan Benjamin and Dan Goodspeed; former Buccaneer players during the Superbowl year. About 20 students from Schwettman and Gulf High School came for a field trip to hear them speak. Saturday there will be 2 speakers: Jeff Miller and Ryan Schmidt that will offer some local history. Matt Roza will do a “Sports Trivia” game at 2pm and have some giveaways. Some things will be added to the displays as they are donated. The Artwork is great. (A suggestion was made by the Board to give a Certificate of Appreciation to the Schwettman students for their Artwork. Joy said she would send Elaine a template.)
- Guinness World Record attempt – April 13; Many have heard about it already and are excited. The event will begin at 4pm at Sims Park. Each person will have their picture taken with their numbered wristband for verification. Many volunteers are needed; 1 per 50 (volunteers to assist at 3:30pm). All Recreation staff are scheduled to work, as well. The target is to have the event completed in 2 hours (photo, drink, sit down). The first concert will begin at 6pm.
- Gymnasium Floor Resurfacing – There was still a strong odor this morning and the floor is still tacky. We will ventilate the room and open the Gymnasium back up tomorrow. The lines will be completely replaced when doing the full sand-down project next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Spring Break – All Pools Open next week. Summer Pool Concession – We have the BID out right now for a Concessionaire. We will staff it as we did last year, if we don't get anyone. We are putting a Recreation staff employee in there during Spring Break.
- Water Safety Program (Free)-Partner with Fire Department – April 27; Water Safety Awareness for families.
- Restroom Floors – Resurface – The floors may not have been sealed properly originally; a company came in and professionally cleaned them 3 times and the tile still looks bad. The floors are out to BID to be re-done (epoxy over the tile); and shower tiles replaced. The bathrooms will be repainted one at a time during this fiscal year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- New Pool Hours – All Pools Open during Spring Break, and then on weekends until Summer Hours.
- Spring Camp March 18-22 – registration is going well.
- Kids Friday; Dr. Seuss themed – March 22: 8-11pm – There were 30 children for the 1st event; we expect more for this one. We are adding another staff person to assist. The event is for ages 5-10 years.
- The Loquat Festival is March 23rd at Frances Avenue Park
- Family Movie Night (Sims) “How to Train Your Dragon 2” March 23rd at 7:45pm – There will be a Lego set giveaway.
- Chasco Fiesta (Sims) – March 29-April 6 – There will be some good bands there; Eddie Money and Michael Ray
- Future All Stars – registration is continuing for that and it begins at the end of the month.
- Concerts – These are really getting popular; we are even getting people on boats & we had 41 golf carts at the last one. We will be getting Port-O-Lets and setting aside an area for golf-cart parking. We are also going to see about getting a Park-and-Ride system and have a female employee present to re-stock the ladies room during the event. (There was some discussion about the Trolley not being ADA accessible, lack of parking availability for the concerts, and using some sort of temporary fencing to block off parking to off-limits areas.
- Guinness World Book Record attempt on April 13th - Volunteers are needed to help set up chairs at noon at Sims.
- Please go hear the speakers at the Smithsonian Hometown Teams exhibit if you can.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 7am at the RAC.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

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