

# **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

April 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Board Members Chairman Dave Schrader, Joy Phillips, Justin Billings, Greg Giordano, Elizabeth Giordano, Carolyn Marlowe, Dana Suiters, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The March 12, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Chasco Float – Most Entertaining & Most Outstanding – The Recreation staff made their first float. The theme was Gilligan’s Island and it was named “Most Entertaining”. The City Council float was made by the Parks department staff and was named “Most Outstanding”.
- Guinness World Records – Sims on April 13 – Need Volunteers – Dave, Carolyn, Dana, and Elizabeth said they were interested in helping. Volunteers need to be at the park by 3pm; with everyone in place and ready to go; the event starts at 4pm. Participants will sign in wearing their shirt, get a wristband, have their photo taken, and go with a monitor. The 1<sup>st</sup> concert with T. Michael, begins at 6pm. Pizza and drinks for the volunteers will be at Peace Hall at 6:30pm. Surf’s Up Beach Boys tribute band (from Ohio) will follow at 7pm. Recreation staff will be assisting with the Smithsonian Exhibit, FusionCon, Walk-A-Hound, and Fitness in the Park; all on the same day.
- Pool Concession – BID – Chris went to businesses and Rose’s Bistro was awarded. They will begin running the concession next month.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Volunteer Dinner – Spartan on April 16 at 6pm – The CAC was invited too. This is done to show appreciation for what you do for the community and the department. You see and hear things and communicate with the department and with the community.

- Restrooms in RAC – There are 3 phases of improvements; they have been freshly painted, the showers are to be re-tiled soon, and a new floor is to be installed after summer season.
- Florida Orchestra – They have agreed to come and play in New Port Richey. We are looking for options of indoor locations for December 21<sup>st</sup> since instruments and sound can be adversely affected by cold weather. Their performance would tie in nicely with a downtown “Holiday Wonderland” theme, with lunch, shopping, dinner, and an evening concert in Sims Park (Johnny Cash tribute band).

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Summer Camp Registration has been very busy. Non-residents begins on Monday and camp will fill up.
- April 13 will be a very busy day with FusionCon and other events.
- Kids Friday is April 19 (Pirate themed): 8-11pm – The children will get free gifts to take home and pizza to eat while they’re at the RAC.
- Easter Egg Hunt on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am – This will be held at the RAC.
- Smithsonian Exhibit is leaving a week early. There will be a luncheon on Thursday, April 20: 11am-1pm to thank the volunteers. The Advisory Board is invited to attend. (A comment was made that the Florida Humanities Speaker Series should come back again next year.)
- Water Safety Awareness on April 27 – Rescue techniques will be demonstrated “Reach, Throw, Don’t go”. The Aquatics department is partnering with the Fire department and the event will help promote Swim Lessons (There are some swim scholarships available, as well.).
- Family Movie Night (Sims Park), May 4<sup>th</sup>

### VOX POP

Voting Day is today; there are snacks & coffee available.

We are looking into having a Park-and-Ride for the concerts in next budget year. We will have a female employee to monitor the Women’s restroom for cleanliness and supplies. We are also renting two ADA Port-O-Lets. We will be putting up 40 barricades to keep people off of the stage.

Frozen Pina Coladas will be served at the GWR event by the YAB. There will be four PD officers present because of the size of the crowd.

A directional sign is needed east of the RAC on Main Street, as there is a branch covering the old sign.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7am at the RAC.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

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