

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Board Members Joy Phillips, Greg Giordano, Carolyn Marlowe, Dana Suiters, Rob Oman, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance. (Greg acted as Chairman in David's absence.)

The April 9, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Summer Camp is full with a waiting list – There are 134 registered for all 8 weeks of camp. We have hired a few School Teachers that will be Camp Counselors this year. There will be some staff training from behavioral specialists, CPR/First Aid training, and some Epi-Pen training included.
- Pool Concession – Rose's Bistro is doing very well and are happy; just opening on the weekends until the end of May. Will be open 7 days a week beginning in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Swim Lessons & Youth Annual Membership Scholarships – We have some City resident preferred Scholarships available to those in financial need; 10 Swim Sessions (first come, first served) and several Annual memberships for children 15 years and younger.
- New Shelters/Frances Avenue (3) – (To be completed before March, 2020) - CIPs – City Council approval expected next week – replace old shelters at Frances Avenue Park. Construction will be BID, designed/engineered.
- Boat Ramp Extension & Restroom (Sims Boat Ramp) (Begin construction after December, 2019) – The end of the boat ramp drops steeply into the water; needs to be extended. Construction is planned to begin after the Boat Parade in December, 2019 and completed before Chasco Fiesta, 2020. (Ramp will be closed Dec. 7-and open in March)
- Way-Finding Signage from the River – Signage will be added to view from the River in the Parks (Frances, Sims, Grand Blvd., Jasmin, and Grey Preserve; not Cotee River). New sign for Jasmin Park is not there yet, but should be soon.

- Winter Event Planning: Halloween, Christmas – We will not be doing Scare Trails at Grey Preserve this year, but we are going to partner with Rock the Boat Productions to join in the Trick-or-Treat event downtown. We are also planning to have a haunted Peace Hall; maybe do a “Rocky Horror Picture Show” theme for adults at Sims Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Kids to Parks Day – James E. Grey Preserve – May 18th: 9-11am – This Saturday we have a new staff member with an Environmental Education Degree taking the lead for this event. She is looking to do some guided Kayak Tours in the Park in the future.
- Memorial Day – May 27th: Open Holiday Hours 10am-5pm and Pools Open 10am-4:30pm.
- Dive Lessons begin on June 3rd
- Summer Camp Open House – Friday, June 7th: 6pm
- RAP River Run – June 8th (Sims Park) – The City has a team this year; Joy and Elaine will be walking.
- Fitness in the Park – June 15th: 10am - monthly class at Sims Park
- Under the Sea Pool Party – June 15th: 6-9pm – monthly pool parties with some giveaways

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Thank you card and gift from the Advisory Board – Dave dropped off; appreciate working with all of you, thank you for your support, working at events, and sacrifice coming in early for the meetings.

There were a few questions about the Swim Scholarships, Peace Hall and event parking with trucks, and if there are plans to expand the Fitness Center and/or add more benches for Free Weights, as there aren't enough during peak usage times.

Summer Schedule – Do you want to skip the meeting in July? (Will discuss at June meeting.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

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