

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Board Members Joy Phillips, Greg Giordano, Carolyn Marlowe, Dana Suiters, Rob Oman, Justin Billings, Chairman Dave Schrader and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The May 14, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cancel July Meeting? – The Advisory Board decided to cancel the July meeting.
- Additional Picnic Tables/Sims & Orange Lake/Budget Request – There was a suggestion to add grills; a budget request was submitted for concrete slabs.
- Bid Award Approved/Design & Engineering/Frances Ave Park – The Bid Award for Design & Engineering has been approved. The work on the new 3 shelters will begin after October 1st. An ADA sidewalk to the 1st shelter will be added. A drinking fountain may also be added.
- Additional Bench Press/RAC – We looked to see if there was room in the Fitness Center to add another Bench Press, but there is not room. The large family tying up 4 machines at the same time situation has been addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Report – July 16th City Council Meeting – Dave will present to City Council; He needs your input:
 1. Input from citizens about their concerns
 2. Recommendations of projects
 3. Volunteer/support at events
 4. Promote events & represent department
 5. Input from Advisory Board Members using the Parks & facilities

- Boardwalk & Fishing Pier proposed/Frances Shelters – The same Engineering & Design Firm is looking at adding a short pier for River access (Kayak launch). Public Works was given the proposal, but the project is not in the budget.
- Summer Break-spot – Free Breakfast & Lunch/Youth – Camp began yesterday and the free breakfast & lunch program is going well. Rose’s Bistro offers the option of parents ordering ahead of time (paying in the morning) and food is ready at camp lunchtime.
- Sculpture Walk/Orange Lake & Sims Park – The walk has been marked on an old map (distributed); it’s about a ¾ mile loop. It will go to City Council for approval after the cost of the pedestals/bases and then there will be a “Call to Artists”. Artists will install and remove their own sculptures.
- Concert Series/Sims/October-April (7) – A list of the concerts was distributed. There are a few new performers/groups (Tina Turner tribute and Gary West (Johnny Cash tribute) and some returning.
- Toddler swings at Sims – The work to install will begin next month. Only a certain area has room for the swings to be added. (Someone brought up the fact that the Sims Playground is beginning to appear a bit aged in spots. Elaine said she would look into that.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Swim Lessons – Some scholarships are available for beginning swim lessons.
- Fitness in the Park (Sims) on June 15th
- Under the Sea Pool Party – June 15th: 6-9pm – There will be some giveaways.
- Family Movie Night – June 22nd: “Transylvania 3” – There will be some giveaways.
- July 4th Holiday Hours – RAC will be open different hours than usual during the week.

VOX POP

Homes need fixing up in the City; Rich Melton, from CAC, wants to do something similar to “Paint Your Heart Out”. The grants for homeowners have no funding left. Elaine has reached out to the Paint Your Heart Out program; please let her know if you would like to volunteer. The homes have to be owner-occupied with low income and unable to paint by self. The Youth Advisory Board also wants to be involved. It would be done on a Saturday; identify 10 homes that qualify and paint, do yard work, etc. (all outside work).

There will be no meeting in July.
The Pool Party is this weekend.
Thank you for all you do and your support.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe
Secretary

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