

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at Peace Hall and called to order at 7:00am on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Greg Giordano, Chairman Dave Schrader, Dana Suiters, Justin Billings, Kai Sonnenshein, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The May 19, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Smoking on Playgrounds – New signs (sample distributed) are being made for the playgrounds and Public Works will install them at every playground entrance.
- Smoking during Events – New signs (sample distributed) will be posted for a designated smoking area (to begin with; and may advertise as a non-smoking event going forward). Family Movie Nights will be posted as Non-Smoking events.
- Summer Camp – Increased Registration – Originally planned for a 9:1 ratio, Camp is being expanded to a 14:1 ratio. The building will not be open to the public at the start of camp, so each group will have their own room in which to do activities. We are not doing the “Food Spot” program, since we are not open to the public. Groups will be able to swim, children’s and staff temperatures will be taken upon arrival, Teen Leaders and Camp Counselors will be required to wear a mask. Other CDC requirements regarding illness and testing will be followed to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RAC & Parks – What’s Open – The pools and Fitness Center are being used on a reservation only basis, with limited capacity. Monday, the outdoor Basketball hoops will be re-installed, the shelters, Splash Pad at Sims, and water fountains will open back up/be turned on. Shelters will be open on a first-come, first-served basis, with groups limited to 10 or less. The Swim Team will hold their daily swim practices from 6am-8am. The Slide is not open yet.

(Q & A discussion) The next phase will be opening the gymnasium for Pickleball and Basketball by reservation only, for limited times, and with social distancing guidelines limiting Pickleball to 4 people on a court, and Basketball to 3 people on a court. Peace Hall will be reserve able for groups of 50 or less. After hours pool parties will be permitted with no tables or chairs (they can bring their own), and limiting the groups to 50 or less. (Q & A discussion) Child Watch will not re-open yet. The City Manager must approve everything; we are proposing re-opening in steps.

- There are no programs/classes, except for Tennis lessons; keeping groups to 10 or less at a time. Event organizers may submit a plan to stay within the Governor's Executive order guidelines and we will work with the event organizers, but that doesn't mean the event is approved. We are planning to have a "Drive-In Movie" at Gulf High School on Saturday, June 27th, 2020. The Fire Department will bring Emergency information to distribute, the Library will also give out some information, and there will be some giveaways by the Parks & Recreation Department. (Different departments are coming together to do something free for the community).
- No Main Street Blast Event – Fireworks have been cancelled for July 4th. Liz has resigned from Main Street. The City Manager has asked that Parks & Recreation do the Fireworks – possibly on Labor Day weekend, or July 3, 2021.
- July Meeting – Yes or No? - Everyone voted to skip the July meeting, with the understanding that any relevant changes/updates that occur before the August meeting will be emailed to everyone.

VOX POP

Kai asked about sharing the re-opening plan with the Pickleball players (yes, definitely). Thank you all for your volunteer service as liaisons between the Parks & Recreation department and the public.

An email will be sent to the Advisory Board about the movie.

Parking will open at 7:30pm; movie will begin at 8:30pm.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe

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Secretary

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