

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

August 05, 2019

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jennifer Condon, Milton Terre Jr., Lynn Greer, Tim Baldwin & Jeff Reuer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin & Administrative Assistant Carrie Stika
- Guests:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes

Commissioner Reuer made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 03, 2019 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Greer; all in favor.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Terre made a motion to approve the financial reports for June and July 2019; motion was seconded by Commissioner Greer; all in favor.

Old Business

After discussion to reschedule the September meeting due to the Labor Day holiday Commissioner Terre made a motion to cancel the September meeting; seconded by Commissioner Reuer; all in favor.

New Business

Director Rostin stated that the summer camps have been going well.

Director Rostin informed the Commission that the gymnastics program will be picking back up as school starts back.

Director Rostin informed the Commission that the preschool program will be starting in September.

Commissioner Glass informed the commission that he received an email from Councilman Cox regarding appointments and reappointments and they are still pending as of July 30, 2019. He seems to think that letters will be going out soon and that they might all get them at the same time.

Parks

Commissioner Greer asked if any decision had been made from City Council regarding the Boulder Bluff property. Director Rostin stated that City Council has had a workshop regarding the property and the Police Department are going door to door to get feedback from the neighbors. They will collaborate all the information and determine how to proceed.

Commissioner Condon asked when the playground equipment will be moving from Shannon Park. Director Rostin answered that he is not sure yet but Jake Broom, City Administrator, and Matt Brady, Economic Developer, are working out the details of the cost of moving the equipment. There is no time frame scheduled.

Sports

Director Rostin stated that the spring sports (baseball, softball and soccer) finished up with our team making it the District Tournament in baseball. He also explained that we hosted the softball tournament for the 9-10-year-old age group.

Director Rostin informed the Commission that summer basketball had over 300 kids registered. He received positive feedback regarding changing the uniforms to

a more jersey like tank and shorts that match. Both and parents and coaches seemed satisfied with the season. He explained that having a summer league it provided kids a choice to play a different sport that spring sports.

Commissioner Condon asked if it would be possible to have a DEBS league which is 16-19-year olds for softball in 2020 spring season. Director Rostin stated he will investigate offering this age group during registration.

Director Rostin stated that the fall sports (baseball, softball, football, cheerleading and soccer) will be starting soon. The soccer numbers are very good compared to other years.

Commissioner Condon asked about all star soccer tournaments. Director Rostin stated that he has done some research and it is possible, but it would be a local Charleston/Bluffton/Beaufort area tournament. The information showed that there would be no moving on from the local arena and most of the games would be played in Mt. Pleasant. He expressed that there are options to give the coaches at the upcoming coaches meeting.

Director Rostin informed the Commission that there will be a pickleball tournament on August 17th and 18th, 2019. There are 60 teams signed up to play compare to only 31 last year. Saturday will be men's & women's league which will be approximately 42 teams and Sunday will be mixed doubles with about 18 teams. We are expected a big crowd with lots of spectators.

Commissioner Condon asked about having disc golf. Director Rostin stated that he put it in the budget next year and was thinking about using the Crowfield Golf course. Councilman Condon spoke up that he thinks Mayor Habib wants it at the Boulder Bluff property.

Commissioner Baldwin asked if we have recreation night at the Riverdogs, Charleston Battery or at the schools. Director Rostin answered that we have success working with the Riverdogs and they allow the coaches and kids get in free. We have not had too much cooperation with the Charleston Battery. Director Rostin expressed his desire to work with the schools for all thing's recreation.

Commissioner Baldwin asked about extended registration for middle school volleyball for girls that are trying out at the local schools. Director Rostin stated that we consider this on all sports when considering the older age groups.

Special Events

July 4th festival was rained out along with the rain date so Director Rostin has scheduled to use the fireworks for the Kids Fest which is scheduled for this weekend August 10, 2019 from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Commissioner Glass asked if there will be food vendors at Kids Fest. Director Rostin answered that there would be around 10 food vendors there and they are expecting a huge crowd since this event.

Commissioner Baldwin asked if it would be possible to add a cornhole tournament to our special events. Director Rostin stated he would look into adding it and maybe work with Troy Sanders, at Crowfield Golf course, about using his area for this type of event.

Commissioner Condon stated the City Swim Meet went very well and that Phillip Sweat was amazing. She expressed her gratitude of everyone that worked hard to make it successful and the pool looked awesome. She did inform Director Rostin that the old touch pad left behind should be picked up during the week. She stated she did not hear any complaints throughout the whole event.

Casey Center

Director Rostin informed the Commission that the Casey Center is now gone. The slab is still there and the plaque that was on the building was saved before destruction occurred. Commissioner Greer asked when the Casey Center will be taken off the website. Director Rostin stated he will check with Frank Johnson, Public Information Officer about getting it removed. He wants to make sure that the public knows that the basketball courts and park are still open.

Director Rostin stated he had some ideas for the property area for example a farmer's market, but nothing has been set in stone yet. Commissioner Greer

mentioned a Bocce Ball court and Commissioner Condon mentioned a skate park. Director Rostin assured the Commission that all avenues will be considered.

Commissioner Baldwin asked about an indoor swim facility. Director Rostin replied that this maybe a long way down the road for a facility like that to be considered.

Adjournment

Commissioner Condon made a motion to close the meeting at 6:45 pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Terre, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 7, 2019

Minutes approved, August 5, 2019

Jerry Glass, Chairman