

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

November 6, 2023

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Harris Houston, Anthony Radcliffe, Jeff Reuer, Milton Terre
- Staff: Crystal Reed, Arielle Mann
- Public: N/A

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. pm by Commissioner Milton Terre.

General Public comments: N/A

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Commissioner Milton Terre requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2nd, 2023, meeting.
- Discussion:
 - N/A
 - Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Jeffer Reuer
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: See Reports

Financial Reports:

- Discussion:
 - October was a packed month. We had holiday events everywhere.
 - Youth sports: this is our biggest month. Volleyball, soccer, baseball, softball, football, cheerleading. Very positive season.
 - We have some work to do with educating parents, umpires, and referees.
 - Working on having teams present umpires and referees to place in a pool to draft from.
 - Just finished registration for Winter Sports and waitlisting participants.
 - Commissioner Harris Houston recommended having a required parent night for education to go over expectations.
 - Parent issue protocol: field staff step in to discuss issues with parents.
 - We are creating a sign with QR codes with the parent code of ethics and rules. We have signage posted regarding that this is a kid's game.
 - Field space is a challenge right now. This fall we restricted registration. Residents registered first, then non-residents. As we go into our Gymnastics season, we are going to do the same thing. Residents will register first.
 - Adding 3 new multipurpose fields at Carnes Crossroads. Holding soccer and flag football out there.

- Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe: Questioned adding more bleachers to the baseball fields.
- We have discussed taking the top half off the double bleachers at Field 1 and 2.
- Next big project needs to be Felkel Field in the 3-year plan. New scoreboards and upgraded fencing. Batting cages and turf also need to be replaced. Usually when we finish a season, maintenance has a list of what needs to be completed.
- General property tax: 43% of our revenue. It shows we are not making as much as we are spending, mainly because the property taxes have not dropped in yet.
- Fitness Memberships have gone down. We are currently at \$5/month for a membership. We requested to bump the revenue, however, council denied request.
- We have been able to increase the cost of our youth sports. We have competition in the area: Planet Fitness & Anytime Fitness. It's a different feel in those gyms. There is more sense of community and family.
- Revenue is still coming in for the remainder of the year.
- Commissioner Milton Terre requested a motion to approve the financial reports for October 2023.
 - Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Reuer
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Recreation Director's Report – Crystal Reed:

- **October 2023 Department Report**
 - In addition to the comments above, we will talk more about Special Events and what's going on in the department.
 - We won the Fan Favorite Police Department Trunk or Treat decoration.
 - Halloween Carnival was moved to Central Creek Park.
 - Events Senior Luncheon – November 15th. Catered lunch, gift card prizes, etc.
 - Tree Lighting on December 1st, Christmas Parade December 9th, Winter Wonderland at Central Creek Park December 16th.
 - Art is becoming a thing with the Rec Department now. We have added more Geese from area businesses, as well as 2 new murals in the City. The goal is to have a variety of art around the city. We have also replaced light poles on Redbank Road and are adding pole banners.
 - This Saturday we have our Veteran's Day event Saturday at John McCant's Park and a resource fair after the event.
 - Park Circle in North Charleston will be opening this weekend. Hoping maybe it will pull some non-residents over to that park. And we're happy for our friends in North Charleston.
 - Just posted out our Special Event and Amphitheatre positions posted.
 - Danning Amphitheatre: 8-month build. Met with a company that books bands and entertainment. If you have any band suggestions, you want to see.
 - If we open Labor Day, Labor Day Weekend will be a big bash.
 - We will mix it with our events, cultural arts commission events, etc. Approximately \$300,000 budget for next year.

- We are looking at Shuttle System options (renting vs. purchasing).
- Hope to hire someone great to help manage the amphitheater.
- Goose Creek average age is 33, average income is \$99,000 per household, and we have strong military and Brazilian communities.
- We are still looking for 2 night-time custodians.
- We ordered Commission shirts.

Public Comments:

No closing public comments.

Adjournment:

- Commissioner Milton Terre requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM
- The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting Monday December 4th, 2023 at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for November 6th, 2023