

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

September 10, 2018

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jennifer Condon, Milton Terre Jr., Yvonne Turner, Gaye Huskey and Lynn Greer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin and Carrie Stika
- Guests: Councilman Kevin Condon and Gayla McSwain

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Minutes

Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Huskey; all in favor. Commissioner Terre made a motion to approve the workshop minutes from August 27, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Greer; all in favor.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Huskey made a motion to approve the financial reports for August 2018; motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner, all in favor.

Commissioner Glass inquired about the percentage regarding the collection of revenue. Recreation Director Rostin stated that there is tax money that still has not been collected.

Commissioner Glass asked about some of the expenditures being over budget. Recreation Director Rostin stated that from an overall stand point the Recreation Department is in good standing.

Shannon Park Discussion

Recreation Director Rostin updated the Commission on Shannon Park. He stated that he presented all information to City Administrator Broom. The information will then be brought to the attention of City Council at their workshop in September. City Council will determine how we will move forward and feedback will be brought back to the Commission.

New Business

Commission

Commissioner Glass asked about the status of the new commissioner for the vacancy.

Recreation Director Rostin stated that he had found out that the rules were not abided by regarding the appointment of Jeff Reuer. He is qualified for the vacancy, but the process must be corrected.

Commissioner Glass stated that he found out that he was only nominated not appointed and there was a misunderstanding with County Council. Commissioner Glass stated he did invite Mr. Reuer to the Commission meeting so everyone could meet him.

Sports

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that youth sports have started. The uniforms turned out great with the new logo on them. Due to Hurricane Florence all outdoor activities have been put on hold until Monday, September 17, 2018. Commissioner Glass asked who makes that decision. Recreation Director Rostin stated that City Administrator Broom makes the decision for closings.

Commissioner Glass asked how many are registered for youth sports right now. Recreation Director Rostin said there is approximately 700 kids signed up between football, volleyball, baseball and softball. Councilman Condon asked how many of them are considered nonresidents. Recreation Director Rostin answered that he did not know the exact number, but he could find out.

Commissioner Glass asked why there was not a 12U softball league. Recreation Director Rostin stated that there were not enough girls signed up to create a team.

Gymnastics

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that there will be gymnastics meet coming up the weekend of September 21st. It is called the Judges cup which is through the Judges Association to train judges. We are just a host site, which will give us an idea of how a meet will run. All revenue from entry fees will go directly to the Recreation Department. It will approximately 400 kids in segments of 60 performing throughout Saturday and Sunday.

Commissioner Turner asked when Gabby Douglas will be at the Activity Center and if the Commission could get a picture with her. Recreation Director Rostin stated that she will be here on November 7, 2018 and he will try and see if getting a picture is feasible.

Recreation Director Rostin stated that \$30,000 has been raised to go towards the attendance of Gabby Douglas and the charity of our choice. We have chosen the Breast Cancer Association to represent our Gymnastics Coordinator. He states that this is going to be a big deal and we are all looking forward to the event.

Pickleball

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that a pickleball tournament is scheduled for the first weekend in October. Right now, there are about 30 teams registered. Registration will continue until next Friday and there will be 6 courts set up to accommodate all the teams.

Seniors

Recreation Director Rostin praised the Gazette on an article that was printed about our new senior program. This program is for seniors 55 and over. The first day of activities was on September 5, 2018 and about 12 seniors came out to enjoy refreshments and games.

Commissioner Turner asked if new games could be introduced like Bolo Ball or Corn hole. Recreation Director Rostin answered yes, that we are trying to introduce all types of different games to accommodate all kinds of interest.

Commissioner Glass asked if the Recreation Department was taking away participants from the Senior Center. Recreation Director Rostin stated that we are not competing with the Senior Center, we are just adding some programs to help a different demographic of seniors.

Pool

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that the pool is officially closed for the season. There have been some swim meets still going on at the pool but for the public it is closed.

Commissioner Condon asked if it is possible to have the pool bottom resurfaced. Recreation Director Rostin responded that it is not in the budget, but he has priced it to be around \$50,000.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Recreation Director would do some research on taking over the swim team. Recreation Director Rostin made a note to investigate the idea.

Commissioner Condon asked how often the grass at the pool is supposed to be cut. Recreation Director Rostin stated that the Recreation Department is responsible for the grass inside the pool area and the golf course is responsible for the grass outside the pool area.

Recreation Director Rostin asked if the pool meet scheduled for this weekend would be rescheduled. Commissioner Condon stated they will most likely make it up, but could he please cut the grass at the pool before Tuesday.

Budget

Commissioner Glass asked if the budget had been approved yet. Recreation Director Rostin stated that the first reading will be at the City Council meeting tomorrow night.

Commissioner Glass asked if there was anything pertaining to the pool in the budget. Recreation Director Rostin stated no there was no repairs budgeted for the pool.

Special Needs Program

Commissioner Glass asked about the special needs events. Recreation Director Rostin stated that Social Squad has about 30 members. They have gone bowling, had movie nights, game nights and a fishing rodeo scheduled for November. In January the Activity Center will be open to Club Horizons and other local programs to use the gymnastics facility.

Parks

Commissioner Turner asked about the Boulder Bluff Property and the status of making it a passive park. Recreation Director Rostin stated he had very little information regarding this property but he will speak to the City Administrator.

Councilman Condon stated that it has only been 2 years in the 5-year contract. He stated that there still needs to be some discussion and agreement on what type of park to put in that area. He foresees it just being a regular park.

Commissioner Condon asked what is being done with Dennis Field. Recreation Director Rostin stated that conversations have been going on regarding renting it, but nothing has been decided yet. Commissioner Glass if the rec teams could use the fields. Recreation Director Rostin stated that we do not have any teams to benefit using that field because of the size. He also stated that he will need to make some renovations to the area to make it safer, but he agrees to renting it out to some different groups. He states that for right now nothing will be out there until some light poles can be fixed and some drainage issues can be resolved before the area can be renovated.

Commissioner Condon stated that the area could be used for a skate park.

Closing Public Comments

No public comments

Adjournment

Commissioner Husky made a motion to close the meeting at 7:05 pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Terre, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 08, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Minutes approved, September 10, 2018 _____
Jerry Glass, Chairman