

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

March 11, 2019

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jennifer Condon, Yvonne Turner, Lynn Greer & Jeff Reuer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin & Administrative Assistant Carrie Stika
- Guests: City Administrator Jake Broom, City Director of Economic Development Matt Brady, and City Council Member Gayla McSwain

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes

Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Greer; all in favor.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve the financial reports for February 2019; motion was seconded by Commissioner Reuer; all in favor.

Director Rostin informed the Commission on some new revenue resources that include some adult sports and sponsorships for spring sports. He also mentioned that the gymnastics program is continuing to grow.

Old Business – Shannon Park

Commissioner Glass passed out an agreement for the Commission to sign regarding the Shannon Park property. The agreement included a 10-year extension on the current partnership agreement with the City of Goose Creek in return for lifting the deed restriction. He explained that it was drafted from the City Attorney for the Commission. City Council will still need to approve the agreement, but the Commission can vote on having one person being the representative for the agreement.

Commissioner Glass explained that this agreement was beneficial for the District and the City. Commissioner Condon expressed her concern regarding whether the money would be directed to Recreation and what would happen to the playground equipment. Commissioner Glass answered that it is up to City Council and it is Director Rostin's job to take care of the playground equipment.

Director Rostin expressed that there is a plan for the Casey Center area. Commissioner Condon expressed her concern about participants having to drive to another park if it is moved.

Commissioner Greer asked if City Council was at liberty to make this decision. Commissioner Glass answered yes, they are the governing body over the Recreation Department. Commissioner Greer asked what would happen if the Commission did not sign the agreement. Commissioner Condon answered that they would build around the park.

Commissioner Reuer asked if there was any guarantee that they will build a park. Commissioner Glass stated that there is no guarantee if they do not sign the agreement that has been drawn up for them. He stated that in order to expedite the process and prevent having a special meeting it must be approved for him to be the representative for the Commission regarding the agreement. City Administrator Broom stated that if signed it would be presented at the April City Council meeting.

Commissioner Condon expressed her concern regarding comments made about it being unethical for her to vote since her husband is on City Council.

Commissioner Glass commented on research he had conducted. He had been provided with insight that the Governor could appoint anyone to serve on the Commission after being vetted and suggested that she not sign anything she didn't feel comfortable signing and she could recuse herself if she felt conflicted. He also stated that if it becomes an issue, it could be challenged through the State Ethics Commission.

Commissioner Reuer made a motion to accept the agreement and have Commissioner Glass be the Recreation Commission's representative, motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon; all in favor.

New Business

Commissioner Condon asked if the sewer problems have been fixed in the Activity Center. Director Rostin stated that yes it has been fixed and the new concrete must cure for 21 days until the new tile can be put down.

Director Rostin presented the Commission with the information booklets that were created for participants to pick up. He explained that this booklet should give everyone any information they are looking for regarding all the things the Recreation Department offers. Public Information Officer Frank Johnson helped with the layout and the pictures and next year we hope to have new pictures. Director Rostin also expressed that next year he hopes to have some sponsorship packages to help pay for the cost of the printing of the booklets.

Director Rostin informed the Commission that Tiffany Reger has been hired as the new Recreation Specialist for special events. Her first day was today and she is taking the place of Adam Snider. She brings a lot of knowledge for programs for special needs and senior programs.

Director Rostin regretfully announced that the Gymnastics Coordinator, Stacey Croston, will be leaving. Her last day will be March 20, 2019. We have posted the job and hope to get some good candidates for this position. Before Stacey put in her resignation, we received approval to make 2 part time gymnastics coaches full time.

Commissioner Condon asked if one of the new full-time employees will be the interim Gymnastics Coordinator. Director Rostin answered that he was not sure but him and Cheryl will be more involved. Commissioner Condon asked if there has been any interest. Director Rostin responded yes and they hope to start interview soon while Stacey is still here. We will make sure we hire the right person for the position. The salary and health insurance are very competitive compared to private facilities.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Commission would consider changing the day of the Commission meeting. She stated that if the day was changed that our representative on County Council could attend. Director Rostin stated that the Commission could decide to meet anytime.

Commissioner Greer made a motion to accept the change of the Commission Meeting day to the first Monday of the month, motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon; all in favor.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Commission were going to vote on officers. Commissioner Glass said that they should wait until everyone is present. Commissioner Greer asked if she needed to do anything more regarding her seat on the Commission. Commissioner Glass said no she would receive something in the mail.

Commissioner Glass informed the Director that he has been getting complaints about broken exercise equipment. Director Rostin stated we just ordered \$40,000 worth of new leased equipment.

Special Events

Director Rostin informed the Commission on the upcoming Leprechaun Bash this Friday at Carnes big green barn from 4pm-7pm. This event is mostly for children, but adults will also be able to enjoy the atmosphere. The BBQ & Brews will be on March 30, 2019 from 4pm-7pm also located at Carnes big green barn. This event will be more geared towards adults.

Director Rostin mentioned that there will be a member appreciation week the week of April 1, 2019. The Recreation Department wants to give back to the over 3,000 members with free classes, healthy foods and fun activities.

Commissioner Reuer asked if there were any meditation classes. Director Rostin said he spoke with someone regarding meditation classes and they are looking into how many people are interested. He encourages the staff to try any type of classes or programs to see how it works.

Sports

Director Rostin informed the Commission that baseball and soccer season has started. With approximately 900 participants baseball games will begin on March 30, 2019 and soccer games will begin April 2, 2019. Commissioner Condon asked if another coach was found for the 6-8-year-old softball league. Director stated yes, a coach was found.

Commissioner Condon stated that Felkel Field looks very good without the trees. She also asked if there were any chance to extend field 4 now that the trees were gone. Director Rostin it might be a possibility, but he will have to see where the light poles are located.

Director Rostin stated he wanted to scrape fields 1 and 3 to make it more accessible for baseball and softball teams to play on them. This may not happen until 2020 season.

Commissioner Condon asked if we could have a way for citizens to donate their lightly use athletic gear to other people. She stated that a committee might have to be put in place to keep track of who gets the donations, but other departments do something similar. Director Rostin stated he will investigate how other departments run this type of program.

Commissioner Condon wanted to make note that a skate park was mentioned.

Commissioner Condon mentioned that the grass around the pool needs to be cut. Director Rostin stated that the new grass cutting contract will start April 1, 2019 but he will get someone out there to take care of it before then.

Commissioner Condon mentioned she had spoken to someone regarding joining the swim team. The price went up to \$200 and they are blaming the City for this increase due to the fact they had to get insurance. Director Rostin stated that any decisions that were made regarding insurance was done to not only protect us but also them.

Commissioner Condon asked if on picture day for softball and baseball, which is April 13, 2019, if the kids will be provided with a hotdog and drink like the first pitch festival. She also mentioned having someone throw the first pitch out on the first game. Director Rostin stated he will check on the picture day and he has some plans for the first game on March 30, 2019.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Commissioners could be visible for the banner contest and introduce themselves. This would give participants an opportunity to meet them and find out what they represent.

Adjournment

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 1, 2019

Minutes approved, April 1, 2019

Jerry Glass, Chairman