

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

October 05, 2020

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Milton Terre, Tim Baldwin, Jennifer Condon & Jeff Reuer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin & Administrative Coordinator Carrie Stika
- Guests: Joyce Antonetty

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes

Commissioner Terre made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 06, 2020 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Condon; all in favor.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Terre made a motion to approve the financial reports for July, August, and September 2020; motion was seconded by Commissioner Reuer; all in favor.

Commissioner Terre presented the Synovus statements.

New Business

Sports

Tennis – A tennis instructor was hired to start lessons for kids and adults. His name is Sean Murphy and the first class will be starting around October 19, 2020.

Commissioner Glass asked how it was being promoted. Director Rostin stated that it is on the website and Troy is promoting it at the Crowfield Golf Course.

Commissioner Condon stated that the tennis courts look really good. Director Rostin mentioned that the fence had not been done yet and it was moved to next year for budget purposes.

Fall Sports – Football, Cheerleading, Fall Baseball and Fall Softball have all started playing games. Soccer will be starting this Saturday. Football numbers are down but all other area departments are also down in numbers. Fall ball and Football are playing outside departments and Soccer will play teams within the department.

Commissioner Glass asked about Covid requirements during sporting events. Director Rostin stated that spectator sitting has been removed and there are signs posted to wear a mask.

Basketball – Registration started today (October 5, 2020) and will end on October 29, 2020. Director Rostin stated that basketball season may be a little different this season. The gym capacity is at 125 and the staff is looking at doing games every day to spread out capacity issues.

Commissioner Condon asked about working with the high schools to use their gyms on Saturday or Sundays. Commissioner Baldwin stated that the gyms are being used on Saturdays and Sundays for the boys to play.

Commissioner Baldwin asked about flushing the spectators leaving and coming in different directions. Director Rostin agreed that this was a good idea and that we do have a back door that the teams can leave out of, but the problem is usually the team coming early for the next game.

Director Rostin stated that there will not be a picture day and we do have a relationship with the police to help with control of the crowd.

Pool – Commissioner Condon mentioned that Phillip did a great job at the pool this summer.

Parks

Shannon Park – The park equipment was moved to Eubanks Park. All cost was paid by the developer. Commissioner Condon asked how much was the final price? Director Rostin stated that he thought it was around \$175,000 which will go to the McCants Park or the Eubanks Park area.

McCants Park – nothing has been done yet for this park area because of some permitting issues regarding road access. Commissioner Condon asked if it would be ready for Veteran's Day. Director Rostin stated no it will not but they are hoping it might be done by April of next year. A timeline has not been issued yet.

Commissioner Terre stated that he has been asked about how to buy the bricks and how much they cost. Director Rostin stated they should go to our website and the cost is around \$50. All orders go through Frank Johnson in City Hall.

New Park – Commissioner Condon asked if anything new had been done for the park on the Casey Center property. Director Rostin answered that the City Administrator, himself, the Mayor and the Finance Director have met regarding a conceptual design. Nothing has been finalized yet.

Commissioner Condon asked about adding a skate park. Director Rostin stated a skate park will not be added. Commissioner Reuer asked about adding a shuffleboard. Director Rostin stated it could possibly be added in the final details. The idea is to add an office area for the Therapeutic Coordinator so that the park area can be looked after.

Commissioner Condon asked about adding pickleball courts. Director Rostin stated he can investigate the idea, but the pavilion area may not be the right space.

Commissioner Glass asked if the money in the Booster Club account could be used for the new park area along with the Commissions input. Director Rostin stated absolutely and the park will be for kids and adults with special needs. He mentioned that if the Commission wanted to see a similar park area that Myrtle Beach has one called Savannah's Playground. The plan is for it to be done by 2022.

St. James Park – Commissioner Terre mentioned that there is a tree stump at St. James Park that he has seen kids jump on and off and he thinks it is dangerous. Director Rostin stated he will investigate it and see what he can do about it.

City Hall Lake – Commissioner Terre asked who oversaw the lake behind City Hall. He mentioned that the benches around the lake were too far apart and there needs to be more areas for people to rest. Director Rostin stated that some new gazebo type structures are going to be put up, but he will mention it to the City Administrator.

Commissioner Condon asked if we could get circuit stations out in the same area. Director Rostin mentioned that areas like that will be at the new park on the Casey Center property.

Special Events

Concert Series – The spring concert series was cancelled due to Covid. The new concert series will be October 16th and October 30th from 4pm-7pm at Crowfield Golf Course. The area is spread out and 250 people are allowed for that area.

Commissioner Condon asked if there will be food trucks at the concert. Director Rostin answered yes but there will most likely not be any kids' activities.

Christmas – New event this year suggested by Natalie Zeigler, City Administrator, which will be a Tree Lighting ceremony at City Hall. This event will take place on December 4, 2020 and a huge tree will be placed in the fountain in front of City Hall. Commissioner Condon asked if there will be hayrides and other festive activities. Director Rostin stated the staff will try to plan accordingly for Covid polices.

Commissioner Glass asked if there is a possibility to have a golf cart parade at this event. Commissioner Condon also mentioned the community getting involved.

The department will also put on the Christmas Parade again this year on December 12, 2020. We are hoping it will be bigger and better than last year.

Movie – Commissioner Condon asked how the outdoor movie went and if there were enough volunteers. Director Rostin answered it went well and it is definitely something to build upon and there were plenty of volunteers.

Public Comments

Guest Joyce Antonetty asked what the age limits for the new tennis lessons. Director Rostin stated they start at age 4 and go to Adults. He mentioned that all the information is on the Recreation Facebook page and the City website.

Guest Joyce Antonetty stated that she saw on the website that the bricks for the McCants Park are \$50. Director Rostin stated that any information posted comes from Frank Johnson, Public Information Officer.

Guest Joyce Antonetty asked if there will be vendors at the Christmas Tree lighting. Director Rostin stated yes but not sure of the amount due to Covid.

Adjournment

Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to close the meeting at 6:48 pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reuer, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 2, 2020

Minutes approved, December 7, 2020 _____
Jerry Glass, Chairman