

## GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

### COMMISSION MEETING

April 09, 2018

#### Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jennifer Condon, Gaye Huskey, Milton Terre and Lynn Greer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin
- Guests: Mayor Michael Heitzler, City Councilman Kevin Condon, and Joyce Hampton

#### Call to Order

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

#### Public Comments

City Councilman Condon asked Recreation Director Rostin for an update of fencing from the last meeting. Recreation Director Rostin said that he is looking at making improvements. Commissioner Terre expressed his concern regarding the fence at Foster Creek Park.

Mayor Heitzler praised Recreation Director Rostin on how great the parks are looking.

City Councilman Condon expressed his concern regarding parking at Etling Park for outdoor pickleball.

#### Minutes

Commissioner Huskey made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Terre; all in favor.

#### Financial Reports

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

## **Project Status Report**

Recreation Director Rostin updated the Commission on the time line for the Activity Center. He anticipates it will be open to public around May 7, 2018. He is talking with Jake Broom, City Administrator, about having a ribbon cutting ceremony. He told the Commission that they are always welcome to do a walk through.

Commissioner Glass asked about materials being moved and security regarding the Casey Center during the transition. Recreation Director Rostin explained that some of the gymnastics equipment, office supplies and preschool supplies will be brought over. Everything else will either be sold on Govdeals or thrown away.

Recreation Director Rostin said that all staff have gone through active shooter training and the building will only be open for the preschool class to finish out their school year. Recreation Director Rostin is also working with Major Grainger on an emergency plan for staff.

Commissioner Greer was pleased with the landscaping around the Activity Center. She also asked about the lighting around the Activity Center and the parking lot. Recreation Director Rostin said that the lighting is very good and the older lights will eventually be updated.

Commissioner Terre asked when the new parking area will be complete. Recreation Director Rostin said it is almost complete but there is a design flaw they are working on fixing. He said there will still be an opening to get to the grassy area for special event parking.

## **New Business**

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that the rain has delayed the start of spring sports. He expressed that there are over 1,000 kids in spring sports and if the Commission would like a schedule for any of the games that he could email them.

Recreation Director Rostin was delighted to tell the Commission about the success of the following special events: 1) Leprechaun Bash at Carnes, 2) Easter Rock Hunt at Dogwood and 3) Yard Sale at Heatley Field.

He updated the Commission on the upcoming events: 1) April 21, 2018 BBQ & Brews at Carnes and 2) April 27, 2018 Spring Concert Series.

Recreation Director Rostin praised the Gymnastic Team that just competed. He told the Commission that one of our gymnasts came in 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the State Competition.

Recreation Director Rostin told the Commission that he expects numbers to rise for Gymnastics. He explained the need for the increase in price for non-residents for all new Gymnastics classes.

Commissioner Condon asked if competitive cheerleading could be added. Recreation Director Rostin said he will do some research.

Commissioner Huskey asked about criteria for participants in Social Squad. Recreation Director Rostin answered that we have all different levels and all kinds of different activities. We have not seen any reason to be restrictive.

Commissioner Condon asked if we could partner with the local schools to get the word out about different activities. Recreation Director Rostin answered that he has been communicating with staff at Goose Creek High School and Stratford regarding different programs.

Commissioner Condon expressed her gratitude on lowering the number of participants on the T-Ball Teams.

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission on the new fitness equipment that was put in last month.

Commissioner Condon asked the Commission if a decision has been made on the vacancy on the Board. Recreation Director Rostin said he will contact the eligible candidates and hopefully the Commission can decide by the next meeting.

Commissioner Condon asked about the pool prices for this season. Recreation Director Rostin said they have remained the same as last season. Commissioner Condon asked about the progress towards the City Meet. Recreation Director Rostin said he has been working on cutting cost regarding the moving of bleachers.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Commission meeting could be moved to a bigger room for more opportunity for the public to attend. Recreation Director Rostin said once the Activity Center is open we can consider moving the meeting.

Commissioner Terre expressed his concern regarding the sprinklers going off at the fields when it is raining. Recreation Director Rostin said there should be a rain

sensor but he will look into why it is not working. He did express that there was a valve problem at Foster Creek Park.

Commissioner Condon asked if there had been any inquiries regarding Dennis Park. Recreation Director Rostin answered yes but there are some questions he needs answered before a decision can be made.

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that he did some research regarding a skate park and a dog park. He found out that a decent skate park could cost around \$500,000 and a dog park could cost around \$50,000. He is still considering insurance requirements.

Commissioner Condon said a skate park was a project that Mrs. Trevino was very passionate about and she wanted to keep it in the minutes. Commissioner Glass asked Recreation Director Rostin to consider maybe purchasing a few pieces at a time instead of all at once.

### **Comments**

Mayor Heitzler told the Commission that he is very appreciative of what they do for the citizens of Goose Creek.

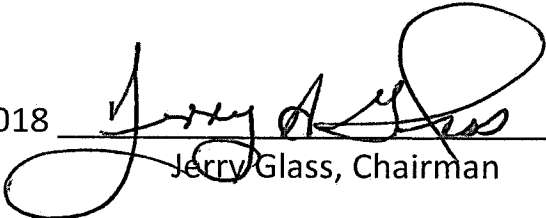
City Councilman Condon asked how the community garden is coming along. Recreation Director Rostin stated that a plot was assigned, a trench was dug for water line, and a load of dirt was dropped off. There are still some details to be worked out but it is a good start.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Huskey made a motion to close the meeting at 7:03pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Terre, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Minutes approved, May 7, 2018

  
Jerry Glass, Chairman