

## GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

### COMMISSION MEETING

June 11, 2018

#### Present

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

#### Call to Order

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

#### Public Comments

Gayla McSwain introduced herself and let the Commission know she is running for City Council.

#### Minutes

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Huskey; all in favor.

#### Financial Reports

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

#### Project Status Report

##### *Activity Center*

Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that grand opening for the Activity Center was very successful. The recognition of the new name of the complex brought many families and representatives of the City and County to the ribbon cutting.

Recreation Director Rostin updated the Commission on the gymnastics numbers since the Activity Center opened. Toddler Playtime has increased its numbers and our new Home School Group on Wednesdays has become very popular.

Recreation Director Rostin was proud to announce that the Charleston County Area Directors meeting was held at the Activity Center.

Recreation Director Rostin stated that there are still some items on the punch list to finalize but the Activity Center is up and running successfully.

#### *Fourth of July Festival*

Recreation Director Rostin stated that the Fourth of July Festival will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 behind City Hall. A rain date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 7, 2018.

Recreation Director Rostin mentioned to the Commission that our current Events Coordinator, Kara McKeown, is leaving. He asked that Commission for their help to get the word out that we have a full-time position open.

Commissioner Huskey asked about the BBQ Festival and what can be done to improve upon the festival. Recreation Director Rostin commented that the venue was good and the amount of people were good but he plans to look into getting more food vendors.

#### *Home School Group*

Recreation Director Rostin spoke about the gymnastics number falling slightly, due to the fact that the season is over and the team has not registered yet.

A new class was created called Home School Group on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm. This class was created to help kids that are home schooled to get their PE requirement. It started out with around 20 kids and last week grew to 40 kids.

#### **New Business**

Sports – Recreation Director Rostin stated that the Recreation Department is implementing a new policy to allow nonresidents to play in our sports leagues, starting in the Fall, at an additional cost. He informed the Commission that Baseball has different rules regarding All Stars but does not see it being a problem.

Commissioner Huskey asked how the information was going out to the nonresidents. Recreation Director Rostin answered that emails will be sent and the website will be used to display the information. Commissioner Condon suggested putting a sign out by the road near the entrance. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will have to review the sign ordinances.

Commissioner Turner asked if there would be a problem with stacking teams with nonresidents. Recreation Director Rostin answered no, there will still be evaluations like we do now.

Commissioner Condon stated that her daughter's team had an amazing coach but suggest that black not be considered a jersey or hat color because the kids get hot. Commissioner Condon also stated that having 10 kids on the T-Ball teams was a great improvement. She asked that the Coach Pitch be treated the same way.

Commissioner Condon asked if the batting cages could be covered. She suggested that we look at the Easley Complex to get some ideas. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will do some research on a feasible solution.

Councilman Condon asked if tournaments could be hosted at Felkel Field. Recreation Director Rostin stated he has already looked into this idea and has made some phone calls.

Commissioner Condon asked we had replaced the tennis instructor yet. Recreation Director Rostin stated he is actively looking.

Parks – Recreation Director Rostin informed the Commission that new signs will be going up in the area parks with the new City logo. He hopes that if new steel signs and some landscaping help the parks look nice that citizens will be more inclined to keep them looking nice.

Commissioner Greer expressed her concern with activity at Ryan Creek Park at night. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will check with the police department to keep an eye on that park. Councilman Condon suggested looking into remote cameras.

Commissioner Condon expressed her gratitude on having the trees cut at Felkel Field. Recreation Director Rostin stated he is not done yet and is looking in doing some maintenance to help the area look nice and safe.

Commissioner Condon asked about a resolution for Dennis Park. Recreation Director Rostin stated that discussions have been going on about this property and a solution should be coming soon.

Commissioner Condon asked if there are any thoughts about a skate park or dog park. Recreation Director Rostin stated discussions have been made regarding the Casey Center area but no decisions have been made.

Fitness - Commissioner Condon asked if the multipurpose room could be used for free weights for the younger crowd, since it is empty now. Recreation Director Rostin stated that it is a possibility but he was looking to improve activities for seniors in that room.

Dance - Commissioner Condon asked if dance classes could be scheduled for later in the evening. She expressed that working parents have a hard time getting their kids to early classes. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will look into the situation.

Commission - Commissioner Condon asked about the vacant seat on the Commission. Commissioner Glass suggested it be advertised again, and to make sure that it states they must live in the tax district. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will get with the Public Information Officer regarding publicizing the open position.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Commissioners could get lapel pins to show they are part of the Commission. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will do some research.

Recreation - Commissioner Condon asked if the Recreation Department could have their own Facebook and Twitter page to tell the community when sign-ups are occurring. Recreation Director Rostin stated this was not a bad idea but he will have to get approval from Frank, Public Information Officer, and Jake, City Administrator.

Commissioner Condon expressed her concern regarding the plaque at the Casey Center. Recreation Director Rostin stated when a decision is made regarding the property they will try and preserve the plaque.

Commissioner Condon asked how the garden club was developing. Recreation Director Rostin stated that Lowe's has been contacted, the fenced in area has been set up and a water supply has been established. He hopes to get the schools involved. Guest Galya McSwain state she is part of the Master Gardeners and would be willing to help.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Wii could be used on the big projection screen for Social Squad game night. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will definitely see if this can be done.

Commissioner Greer suggested we have look into offering ping pong. She state that Hanahan has a night that they have people play. Recreation Director Rostin stated he will look into how this can be accomplished.

Pool – Commissioner Condon asked if it would be feasible to have a movie night at the pool. Recreation Director Rostin stated that he will look into how this can be handled.

Commissioner Condon asked about a bubble on the pool. Recreation Director Rostin stated that at his time it is not feasible.

### **Closing Public Comments**

No public comments

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Condon made a motion to close the meeting at 7:10 pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 09, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Minutes approved, July 09, 2018

  
Jerry Glass, Chairman

