

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

October 8, 2018

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jennifer Condon, Yvonne Turner & Lynn Greer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin & Recreation Superintendent Cheryl Heiselman
- Guests: Jeff Reuer and City Council members Cory McClary & Gayla McSwain

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting with 2 minor corrections; seconded by Commissioner Greer; all in favor.

Financial Reports

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

Recreation Director Rostin stated that first reading of the 2019 budget will take place at the City Council meeting on October 9, 2018.

Project Status Report

- Shannon Park Property – Director Rostin reported he had been informed by City Administrator Broom that the City of Goose Creek is willing to relocate the useable playground equipment to another playground and any money from the sale of the property would go back to recreation. However, the City is not willing to put a deed restriction on another piece of property in return for the Commission lifting the deed restriction on Shannon Park.
- Gymnastics Meet – The first large event was hosted in the new Activity Center in September with over 300 gymnasts’ and 900 spectators.
- Pickleball Tournament – We hosted a men’s and women’s pickleball tournament this past weekend and got very good reviews on our facility.
- Fall Sports Update – We are now at about the halfway point in fall sports. We will be participating in All-Stars in football this year.
- Winter Basketball- Registration will start October 22.
- Fall Festival – Scheduled for October 13 with over 100 crafters and vendors.

Shannon Park Discussion

- To recap: The City of Goose Creek is asking the Commission to lift the deed on Shannon Park that states that if the property isn’t used for recreation, then ownership of that property reverts to the Recreation Commission.
 - The City has been approached by a developer interested in purchasing the land. If sold, the City is willing to sign a Memo of Understanding with the Commission on how the proceeds from the sale would be used.
- In a workshop on August 27, the Commission agreed they would lift the deed restriction if these terms were met:
 - The City of Goose Creek would agree to designate 1 acre at the Central Park property on Old Moncks Corner Road with a deed restriction stating that if the property isn’t used for recreation that property would revert to the Recreation Commission.

- Proceeds from the sale of the Shannon Park property are to be designated in a special fund for an accessible playground at a new location.
- Existing playground equipment at Shannon Park will be relocated.
- Terms of the agreement are to be spelled out in a legally binding Memo of Understanding.
- The City has agreed to all the bullet points **except** putting a deed restriction on 1 acre of land.

Chairman Glass stated that the Shannon Park property must come back to the Recreation Commission if it isn't going to be used for recreation.

Commissioner Turner said this could set a dangerous precedent.

Commissioner Condon said she is in favor of the agreement with the City. There are a lot of projects that could be accomplished with the proceeds of the sale.

Chairman Glass voiced his concern about the legality of making a decision. Does the Commission have the legal authority to lift the deed restriction with the current make-up of the membership? According to legislation, the Board should consist of 7 members (3 city & 4 district). Currently, they have 6 members (4 city & 2 district) and are awaiting the final appointment of the 7th member to make it 4 city & 3 district.

Commissioner Condon suggested a special meeting to decide.

Chairman Glass suggested getting a legal opinion before making a final decision.

Closing Public Comments

No other comments

Adjournment

Commissioner Turner made a motion to close the meeting at 7:14 pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Greer, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting has been changed to November 5, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Minutes approved, November 5, 2018 _____
Jerry Glass, Chairman