

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

April 1, 2019

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Yvonne Turner, Lynn Greer, Milton Terre, Tim Baldwin & Jeff Reuer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin & Recreation Superintendent Cheryl Heiselman
- Guests: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes

Chairman Glass noted several corrections to the minutes.

Commissioner Greer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Turner; all in favor. Chairman Glass to sign the corrected minutes at the May meeting.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the financial reports for March 2019; motion was seconded by Commissioner Terre; all in favor.

Old Business – Liability

Commissioner Terre asked if the Recreation Commissioners are individually responsible for accidents or injuries on City property? Can they be sued? And if so, are they only liable during scheduled activities or all the time?

Chairman Glass stated he believes the agreement with the City of Goose Creek covers liability on property owned by the Commission. Director Rostin will check with Risk Management regarding this question.

Commissioner Baldwin stated that at Foster Creek Park soccer balls can get under the split rail fence and kids could run after the ball into traffic on the very busy road. He suggested putting a chain link fence along the road. Also suggested was partnering with a fence company to donate the fencing in return for advertising.

New Business

- Baseball, softball and soccer season starting this week
- Summer basketball registration now being taken. We have moved spring basketball to the summer to spread out the sports seasons and offer more choices.
- BBQ & Brews Festival was held last Saturday at Carnes Green Barn. Well received by the public.
- Leprechaun Bash was held March 15, also at Carnes. Great venue for this family friendly event.
- Winter basketball season concluded in early March. We used a new group of referees this season and used scorekeepers from GC High School; that was a big plus for all involved.
- Easter Rock Hunt scheduled for April 13 at Dogwood Park
- Spring Concert Series at the Golf Course: May 3, 17 & 31
- Member Appreciation Week, April 1-5 at the Fitness Center. New event to show our fitness center members our appreciation. Vendors, prizes, food & beverages
- Actively searching for new Gymnastics Coordinator to replace Stacey Croston who resigned due to her husband's job transfer

Boulder Bluff Park: Commissioner Turner asked if there was any news on the development of Boulder Bluff park. Director Rostin stated there is a time frame for development to begin and it is up to City Council.

Shannon Park: Chairman Glass reported that he met with Mayor Habib regarding Shannon Park and extending the contract with the City.

The Mayor expressed his opinion that recreation is a key element to the City, but they are hesitant to commit to a 10-year extension of the contract. City Council feels that things could change, and they don't want to tie the hands of future administrations.

Chairman Glass told the Mayor that he is representing the Recreation District and doesn't feel he can lift the deed restriction without getting something in return; he feels the deed restriction was put in place for a reason.

Mayor Habib said there is conversation about moving the playground equipment and relocating the park but that would be a city project.

Chairman Glass stated if there is a concern about extending the contract past the original 20 years, there is an opt-out clause. Mayor Habib will speak with City Administrator Jake Broom and City Council regarding the opt-out clause and if this would influence their decision about extending the contract.

Chairman Glass also stated his opinion from his meeting with the Mayor was that funds from the sale of the property would belong to the City of Goose Creek and even if earmarked for recreation they would be city funds, not Recreation Commission funds.

Commissioner Reuer wanted to make sure he understood that the City of Goose Creek want the Recreation Commission to lift the deed restriction on the Shannon Park property but doesn't want to extend the term of the contract another 10 years? Chairman Glass stated yes, at this time unless they reconsider based on reviewing the opt-out clause.

Other Business:

Commissioner Condon requested by email that we note the need for a skate park and a city run swim team. She also commented on the new type of dri-fit jerseys for the baseball and softball teams and how nice they look with the new logos.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 6, 2019

Minutes approved, June 3, 2019 _____
Jerry Glass, Chairman