

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

February 11, 2019

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jennifer Condon, Gaye Huskey, Milton Terre, Lynn Greer & Jeff Reuer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin & Recreation Superintendent Cheryl Heiselman
- Guests: City Administrator Jake Broom and City Director of Economic Development Matt Brady

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes

Commissioner Huskey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Greer; all in favor.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Terre made a motion to approve the financial reports for November & December 2018; motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon; all in favor.

Presentation from Director of Economic Development, Matt Brady

Mr. Brady presented the Commission with a preliminary plan from the developer who is interested in developing the property along Old Moncks Corner Road that includes Shannon Park. The developer controls most of the property in that area

and is interested in acquiring the 2 parcels that make up Shannon Park. One of the parcels has a deed restriction on it, which would have to be lifted by the Recreation Commission.

The preliminary plan shows a proposed new park further down the road that would allow us to move our existing playground equipment to it.

Appraised value of the 2 parcels is \$175,000 which the developer would be asked to pay to the City of Goose Creek.

Mr. Brady asked the Commission to consider lifting the deed restriction and vote on it in the next month, so plans can move forward.

Chairman Glass thanked Mr. Brady for sharing this information with the Commission.

Old Business

Recreation Director Rostin reported that the department is anticipating a slight increase in tax revenue for 2019. Therefore, we will be spending more on park renovations such as new fencing at Dogwood Park, upgrades to playgrounds & new park signage with the new city logo.

Project Status Report

- Basketball – we had a new referee crew this year and have had positive feedback so far. We have also added a police officer at all games. The police officer is not only for security, but to interact in a positive manner with the community. New Police Chief Roscoe has been very supportive of this.
- Baseball/Softball/Soccer – We are formulating teams now. Practices will start in early March with games starting the last week of March or first week of April.
- Summer Basketball – we have moved the spring basketball season to summer this year in the hopes of giving kids something to do in the summer.

- Pickleball – we have extended the hours and added additional courts for the pickleball players. These hours will have to be adjusted in the summer due to summer camps using the gym. Commissioner Condon inquired about painting pickleball courts on the tennis courts at the Hamlets. Director Rostin is looking into it.
- Programs and Events
 - Daddy/Daughter Dance was a big success. It was held at Metro North Church which was a great site for the event.
 - New Programs
 - Home School Recreation Play
 - Inclusive Open Gym – may revamp this program due to attendance issues
 - Leprechaun Bash – March 15th at Carnes Green Barn
 - BBQ & Brews – March 30th at Carnes Green Barn
 - Member Appreciation Week – early April – vendors, raffles, giveaways, demonstrations to show our members how important they are to us
 - Coaches Appreciation Banquet – details being worked out now for this first in a long-time event to show coaches our appreciation. It will include a catered dinner and small gift. Commissioner Greer suggested we send letters to coaches’ employers telling them how much we appreciate them volunteering.
- Chairman Glass inquired about offering a meditation class. Director Rostin stated that if there was an interest and we could find an instructor we are always glad to offer a new class or program.
- Commissioner Huskey said she was glad to hear that the Crochet in the Creek group was now meeting at the Community Center.
- Commissioner Condon asked if we had considered offering our own swim team? Director Rostin said that would require hiring a full-time person and we don’t have that position now. Commissioner Condon stated that the rental to the swim team takes up a large portion of swim time and limits the amount of open swim time for residents. She doesn’t feel the \$4,000

they pay to use the pool covers the 4 hours per day they use the pool. Director Rostin will look at the pool schedule to see if it can be revised but he doesn't think the swim team rental can be eliminated.

- Commissioner Condon inquired about a skate park.
- Commissioner Terre voiced his concern about children and soccer balls going over or under the existing fence at Foster Creek Park along Foster Creek Road. He feels it is dangerous. Director Rostin will investigate this.

Commissioner Appointment Process

Chairman Glass stated that he has done extensive research on the history of the Goose Creek Recreation Special Tax District and the process of appointing Commissioners to serve on the board. In 2002, legislation was passed that took appointment duties away from the Berkeley County Legislative Delegation and gave these duties to Berkeley County Council. Currently, County Councilman Brandon Cox represents our district and takes recommendations to Berkeley County Council to appoint Commissioners. Chairman Glass has spoken to County Councilman Cox about establishing a written policy for appointment to the Recreation Commission. Chairman Glass has explained to County Councilman Cox the residency requirements as set forth in the March 8, 2002 legislation. This legislation states that as long as the inter-agency agreement exists between the Recreation Commission and the City of Goose Creek, no more than 3 Commissioners may live within the boundaries of the City of Goose Creek.

Commissioner Condon questioned whether the appointment process is working since this is the same process that has been in place.

Commissioner Reuer said he only found out about the Recreation Commission when he had a question regarding his tax bill and County Councilman Newell told him about an opening on the board.

Chairman Glass said he would like Berkeley County Council to pass a resolution stating that they would consult the Recreation Commission before making any appointments to the Commission. He will contact County Councilman Cox about the procedure.

Executive Session

At 7:30 pm the Commission went into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

At 8:55 pm they came out of Executive Session. No official business was conducted in Executive Session.

Closing Public Comments

No other comments

Adjournment

Commissioner Greer made a motion to close the meeting at 8:56 pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Huskey, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 11, 2019

Minutes approved, March 11, 2019

Jerry Glass, Chairman