

GOOSE CREEK RECREATION

COMMISSION MEETING

February 15, 2021

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jennifer Condon, Lynn Greer & Jeff Reuer
- Staff: Recreation Director TJ Rostin & Administrative Coordinator Carrie Stika
- Guests: Kevin Condon

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes

Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 07, 2020 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Greer; all in favor.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve the financial reports for December 2020, and January 2021; motion was seconded by Commissioner Reuer; all in favor.

Director Rostin stated that the 2020 budget is right where we needed to be despite Covid and no revenue. Commissioner Greer asked why the December report shows a lower number. Director Rostin stated that adjustments were made after the report was sent to them.

Director Rostin mentioned to the Commission that they will notice a deficit in the February financial report due to the McCants Park renovation coming out of the Recreation budget. Commissioner Condon asked if the money is coming from somewhere else. Director Rostin answered yes, the Finance Director is aware that it will show a 1.8-million-dollar deficit.

Chairman Glass asked if the City has decided on how to transfer Commission funds to pay for the park. Director Rostin stated yes, he has spoken to Natalie and they are working on a way to make it possible. The park will not be done until 2022 so there is still time to make it happen. Chairman Glass stated that Cheryl will need to make a transaction, so the account does not get charged for inactivity. Director Rostin said he will speak with her when she returns from FMLA leave in March.

Chairman Glass presented the Synovus statements.

Old Business

Chairman Glass informed the Commission that Commissioner Yvonne Turner's resignation was approved by the County. Commissioner Terre had an applicant and was supposed to drop it off to Director Rostin. Director Rostin stated he has not received it yet.

New Business

Sports

Director Rostin informed the Commission that basketball season is going well and only a few games had to be cancelled due to Covid. All those games have been rescheduled and the season should be ending on time at the end of next week. Chairman Glass asked if it was only youth that tested positive for Covid. Director Rostin answered no there was a Dad and his son and an official, which was not a threat.

Director Rostin stated that the spring sports, Softball, Baseball and Soccer, will begin March 1, 2021 and run until close to the end of the school year. The numbers are down approximately 15% due to Covid.

Commissioner Condon asked if coaches for Softball had been found. She stated that she received a call regarding needing a coach for the 8U team but did not hear anything else regarding a coach. Director Rostin stated that he will get with Angela to check on the coaching situation.

Commissioner Condon asked if there could be an opening day ceremony for softball and baseball like it was done in the past. Director Rostin stated he is not opposed to doing it, but we still have Covid restrictions that must be followed. He stated that sports have not been doing team pictures because of the amount of people in one area to take them. He is looking into a photographer taking action photos at games.

Commissioner Condon stated that her daughter really enjoyed the tennis lessons with new tennis instructor. Director Rostin said he has had a fair number of participants but does expect more as it gets warmer.

Chairman Glass asked if there has been any feedback from the tennis lessons from others that come to the tennis courts. Director Rostin stated that the tennis players and pickleball players do not get along and the tennis players do not want to play on the courts with pickleball lines.

Director Rostin called the USTA and they stated they will not allow a sanctioned event on courts that have pickleball lines. He is trying to accommodate but can not build another court. Commissioner Condon suggested to talk with Stratford High School about using their courts.

Gymnastics

Director Rostin stated that there was gymnastics meet in January and the Gymnastics staff did a good job with social distancing the crowd by creating time slots for events. He also stated that basketball was cancelled for that weekend to help with parking. Chairman Glass asked how many students were in Gymnastics. Director Rostin stated that the program is pushing 600 students and the numbers are slowly getting back to normal from being shut down for Covid.

Fitness

Director Rostin stated that participants are still in New Year's mode and getting new memberships. The numbers for members coming in daily is getting back to normal. An 80-day extension was given to all members due to the Covid shut down and aerobics classes are still being scheduled and attended. We have had no issues with the mask policy regarding members or aerobics class participants.

Special Events

The 2020 year closed out with the Tree Lightning Event and the Christmas Parade. Everything went well and looking forward to this year's improvements as we adjust for the medians being put in on the roads. Commissioner Condon asked if the school's fee could be waived to be a part of the parade this year. Director Rostin stated that him and Allison Carter have talked about it and will investigate it further.

Director Rostin informed the Commission that the BBQ & Brews event is scheduled for March 6, 2021 at Carnes and Cookin in the Creek will be in April at City Hall.

Director Rostin also mentioned that there is a Farmers and Artisans Market on Saturdays behind City Hall. They are scheduled through City Hall and will be rescheduled if there is any special event for the Recreation Department.

Commissioner Condon asked if there will still be a concert series. Director Rostin answered yes it will begin in April at the Crowfield Golf Course.

Director Rostin stated that the staff is still contemplating the Member Appreciation Event and thinking about moving it to September.

Commissioner Greer said she saw the Food at the Fountain on TV.

Summer

Commissioner Condon asked if there will be a tennis and swim camp like the golf and swim camp during the summer. Director Rostin said that right now we do not have a tennis and swim camp but there will be a golf and swim camp.

Director Rostin mentioned that a summer camp guide will come out on March 1, 2021 and it will also be on the Recreation Facebook Page, which Nicole and Allison oversee making sure has update information.

Commissioner Condon asked about the pool regarding the swim meet and Covid numbers for participants only being 250. Director Rostin stated that he has been in touch with Sarah and their can be individual meets but not CCA meets. Guest Kevin Condon interjected that the swim meets will not be sanctioned.

Commissioner Condon asked if the 250 limits could be lifted. Director Rostin said that it is not the City's decision. The individual entity would have to get approval from the State.

Therapeutics

Commissioner Condon asked if the therapeutic bowling had started yet. Director Rostin replied yes, it is scheduled for Monday nights and Thursday mornings. Monday nights are more popular than Thursday mornings, but Nicole has been receiving some extra help from Tara, a part time staff member. Chairman Glass asked if there was an age limit. Director Rostin answered no there is no age limit for therapeutics.

Director Rostin informed the Commission that the Recreation Department received a grant for a tandem bicycle for the therapeutic program. We could be the 1st municipality to receive this grant. We will keep it here at the Recreation Department and rent it out. It will have to be made and will not be available for 6-8 weeks. Chairman Glass asked about liability using the bicycle. Director Rostin stated that a waiver would be filled out.

Senior Center

Commissioner Condon asked if the Senior Center was back open yet. Director Rostin stated that they still do meals on wheels out of the building and are still doing activities very minimally because of the age group of their members.

Programs

Commissioner Condon asked if the Crocheting Club ever took off in their participation. Director Rostin answered no they did not.

Commissioner Condon asked if the department would consider offering a Cricut programming class. She explained that all kinds of things could be made with this type of machine. Director Rostin stated that he will investigate what is involved and do some research.

Parks

Chairman Glass asked about the Gardening Club at Foster Creek Park. Director Rostin stated that the members did not show anymore interest in doing it anymore.

Commissioner Condon asked about a skate park being considered at the Casey Center area. Director Rostin stated that there are no plans for a skate park for that area. Chairman Glass asked if there was room at the Boulder Bluff Park for a skate park. Director Rostin stated that there is green space, but it is not designed for athletics.

Public Comments

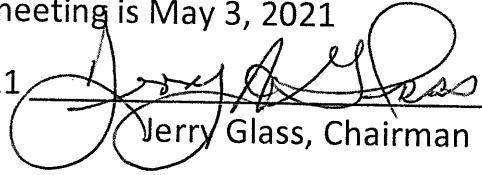
Guest Kevin Condon stated that when Gary Stuber was the Director that there was a land gift of 25 acres that was mentioned several times. Director Rostin stated he had not heard of this and will get with Cheryl Heiselman regarding this gift and research it further.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reuer made a motion to close the meeting at 6:50 pm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon, all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 3, 2021

Minutes approved, May 3, 2021



Jerry Glass, Chairman

