**Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting**

February 6th, 2023

6:00PM

**Present:**

* Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Milton Terre, Lynn Greer, Jeff Reuer, Harris Houston
* Staff: Crystal Reed, Arielle Mann
* Public/Guests: James Hill, Kathleen Russell

**Call to order**

* The meeting was proposed to begin at 5:57 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

**Commission Examination 1**

* Kathleen Russell
  + 104 Irish Oak Drive, Goose Creek, SC 29445
  + 843-513-8463
* Where do you live?
  + Crowfield
* Why do you want to be a commissioner?
  + Would like to make a difference, would love to be associated with any group that can create a park like Central Creek Park
* What is the Recreation Commission Responsible for
  + Budget/new ideas/keep things going in the parks and rec centers
    - Not governed by City of Goose Creek – appointed by the Governor of SC
    - Oversees the resources provided by a special tax district
    - 3 city seats, 4 district seats vacant
* Do you have any director or personal involvement now or in the past?
  + No, granddaughter goes to the pool
* Do you have any specific interests in recreation that you might suggest that we do not provide at this time?
  + Shuffleboard
  + Would like to see Racquetball
* Still employed?
  + Retired
* If there was a need to move forward, would you have any issues providing personal references?
  + No
* Would you have a problem with a background check?
  + No
* Granddaughter Layla is involved in dance and other classes
* Would you have any problem making a monthly meeting?
  + No
* How long have you lived in Goose Creek?
  + 13 years in August
* Any questions or comments?
  + How did you hear about the vacancy?
    - Jeff Reuer, friend

**Commission Examination 2**

* James Hill
  + 125 Essex Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445
  + Lives in district, unincorporated
  + 843-200-7992
* Do you have any idea what the Recreation Commission is responsible for?
  + Oversee how/manage recreational funds as far as parks and sports
  + Steering committee
    - Commission overview
    - GCRC – Booster Club collected money during their run, and the left-over money was donated towards the inclusion part of Central Creek park development
    - Crystal: Rec department greatly respects this group, there is so much experience and knowledge and we look to them for suggestions and guidance
* What involvement have you had in Goose Creek Recreation
  + Played sports here, grew up here, went to Goose Creek High, CSU, coached many sports, has kids in sports, very involved in the recreation system, participated as a coach last 10 years. Main purpose is wanting the kids to want to come back and play next year
* What would you suggest we get involved in?
  + Not sure how to answer, would like to get more involved
  + More bike trails
* Where are you currently employed?
  + Mt. Pleasant waterworks
* Any concern about making meeting nights?
  + Able to make meetings
  + Able to have assistant cover
* Any problem with references?
  + No
* Any problem with background check?
  + No
* House members participating
  + Yes
* How long have you lived in Goose Creek?
  + All his life, lived in current house 14 years
* Would you like to add anything?
  + How long each member has been on the board/greatest achievement?
  + Chairman Jerry Glass
    - 24 years
    - Accomplishments: Felkel Field development, grew up raking and lining own fields, raising money for uniforms. Goose Creek recreation commission was very strong in getting this building built. Several phases of growth. Commission has been together since 1962. Opportunities ahead of us.
  + Harris Houston
    - Waking up to what’s going on and how active the commission and department is in finding different venues for different aged people from children to adults to do healthy things, get along and communicate. Get as much opportunity for people to take it and spend it.
  + Jeff Reuer
    - 4 years
    - McCants Park
  + Milton Terre
    - Was assigned to this commission by mistake. Went to a meeting to make a complaint and was appointed as part of the board.
    - Lives in St. James and has been there over 40 years.
  + Lynn Greer
    - Lived in Goose Creek 13 years, been with the commission 2 and a half terms
    - Appreciate how receptive council members and staff are to thinking up new ways to involve the community. Took the grandkids to the art in the park. Excited about what is going to happen with the Chapel.
      * Functional space for the City
  + Crystal Reed, Recreation Director
    - General goal: Build community
    - Create beautiful spaces, giving people to do in these spaces
    - Offering more outside of sports. Art, music, etc. All ages, all groups, all people.
    - Get better, be challenged, have high standards.
    - What can we improve on? Are we listening to our coaches and our parents?

**Public comments:** N/A

**Old Business:**

* Minutes from October, Notes from December
* Chairman Glass: Made a motion to accept minutes from previous 2 gatherings
* Motion to approve minutes: Lynn Greer
* Second to approve minutes: Milton Terre
* Motion carried

**Financial Reports:**

* Chairman Glass: Thank you
* Budget reports: for October 2022, November 2022, December 2022, January 2023
* Chairman Glass: Made a motion to approve budget
* Motion to approve budget reports: Harris Houston
* Second to approve budget reports: Jeff Reuer
* Discussion: clarify December revenue
  + Focus on building revenue in areas we have
* Crystal: focusing on neighborhood parks, ball parks (fields, restrooms, pavilions, walkways, etc.)
* Senior Olympics
  + Not part of statewide competition
  + Basketball, pickleball, and cornhole offered
* Motion carried

**Introductions:** N/A

**New Business:**

* **Recreation:** 
  + Ended year really well
  + Central Creek Park has been packed
  + Raised 1.4 Million dollars from the community
  + Received funds from different income streams
  + To have the community say “I believe in this” from local groups/Berkeley County
  + Next Phase: Programming – concerts, move some special events out there, pickleball tournament in January, continue to build on starting a league – working with local group – tournament planned for March.
  + Negative actions: kids playing in the pickleball courts
  + Goose Creek Resident group Facebook page
    - Heard about what was said on the page
    - Multi-use courts
    - Teenagers out there playing
    - All pickleball courts at Central Creek Park
    - Wanting to make sure Tennis has an appropriate place for league play
  + Community Programs: Hannah going out to Lake Greenview, Dogwood, McCants. Going to Apartment Complexes where transportation is an issue. Meeting people where they are at.
  + Rentals: live on website
    - Application online to rent
  + Food trucks on the weekend at Central Creek Park
    - Different spaces
  + Graffiti Park – Events have been really great, over 200 people have come out.
    - Free event, food trucks, live music
    - Signage for Goose Creek to get credit for it
  + Lake Greenview – $35,000 for a new playground, looking for grant opportunities
    - Working on lighting, playground equipment
    - Building a dog park 75x100 feet, add value to that location
  + Focusing attention on Redbank
  + Baseball/softball/soccer numbers are awesome.
    - Field space
    - 3 fields coming on board at Carnes Crossroads
    - Have to get creative with where we put everyone
  + Created a space at Carnes that we can manipulate for use
  + Closed Foster Creek
    - Signs posted that Fields are closed
    - Grass is growing
    - Invest in turf
  + Highlight: Gymnastics program.
    - Competition this weekend: Consistently come in 1st place. Level 2, Level 4, Silver and Boys Team
    - Parents outside of Goose Creek Rec Gymnastics asking for private lessons
    - Chairman Glass - What history with accomplishments: Gymnastics has been in and out of Goose Creek, constantly growing. 500 kids on the waitlist.
    - Gymnastics staff is City staff
    - The most affordable gym in the area
  + Goose Creek Recreation has members that have grown with Goose Creek council members
  + Goal: Manageable for the community

**Questions:**

No questions.

**Adjournment:** No Adjournment

* Chairman Glass made a motion to close the meeting
* Motion to close: Milton Terre
* Second to close: Lynn Greer

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 6:00 PM