

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

December 4th, 2023

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Lynn Greer, Jeff Reuer, Harris Houston, Milton Terre, Anthony Radcliffe, Ryan Agostinelli (pending)
- Staff: Crystal Reed, Arielle Mann
- Public: N/A

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

General Public comments: N/A

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Glass requested for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6th, meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Jeff Reuer
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Milton Terre
- Discussion:
- Chairman Glass questioned the point in the previous minutes: Winter Sports “waitlisting”.
Correction: Participants are now being placed on the waitlist.
- Chair Glass pointed out that Mr. Houston recommended a required parent night.
 - Parents sign the Parent Code of Ethics.
 - When complaints arise: parents always ask “what are the rules?”
 - A QR code will be provided to parents that they can scan to read the rules.
- Chairman Glass questioned the point in the previous minutes: Resident vs. Non-Resident registrations. It has been first come, first serve recently. We switched to allowing Residents to register first.
- Chairman Glass questioned the point Felkel Field: 3-year plan. Crystal just attended a conference on field information. We are learning what we need to change with pesticides, prepping fields, etc. Soccer is booming, Baseball has remained steady, Football is on the decline. It’s time to make the investment to get a higher quality field space.
- Department Report: replace light poles on Red Bank Road. Department of Public Works has replaced those light poles and are placing new street banners on those poles.
- Vacancies: Custodial Night Staff and one or two Groundskeeper positions open.
- Commissioner Lynn Greer questioned the point: Adding 3 new Multi-purpose Fields at Carnes Crossroads
 - Where in Carnes?
 - It is right by the new Carolyn Lewis (K through 8th grade) School.
 - Turf is put in and lights are in place. We are waiting for the turf to grow in. They are finishing the restrooms and concession stands.

- We have partnered with the school district.
- Point of Contact with the school: We have been working with Berkeley County School District Head of Construction.
- There may be someone in the school to help keep an eye on the fields.
- Looking at cameras for those fields as well.
- Signage in multiple places.
- A motion has been requested, granted and a second to the motion has been offered.
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports:

- Discussion:
 - Fitness Memberships are down. We have requested to increase the price, but City Council has said they want to continue to offer the rates we have to and for our residents.
 - Our equipment is in great condition.
 - We need to work on Fitness Classes. We have asked our staff to look into digital class options.
 - Ryan Agostinelli mentioned that from a social media perspective, he hasn't seen much on our Fitness classes.
 - We have more competition than ever before, and a lot of people are doing online workouts.
 - We will play into New Year's Resolutions.
 - Basketball is in full swing.
 - The lights arrived today for the Basketball Gyms.
 - Our Department of Public Works will start improving the lighting in the gym.
 - This past Friday was the Christmas Tree Lighting.
 - Grinch Brunch was yesterday. We had a great turnout.
 - The Parade is this Saturday. It is a big production for our department to take on in conjunction with our Police and other City Department.
 - We are starting interviews for Special Events Coordinator and Arts & Entertainment Coordinator.
 - The Special Events Coordinator oversees Recreation Events like Christmas Events, 4th of July, Fall Festival, East Egg Hunt, etc.
 - Arts & Entertainment: Creek Collective (The Chapel on the corner of St. James Avenue), Amphitheater Entertainment (800 seats, 1000 with overflow).
 - With the Amphitheater: the first 3 shows will be free to the public to generate interest.
 - We have looked into shuttle rentals as needed for events.
- Dogwood Park: a group came up with a proposal for Disc Golf. They play at Park Circle, Wannamaker, and John's Island and they are looking to expand. They offered to do everything. There are people to do the fundraising, sponsorship signage, install the nets, etc. They have mapped out the course, are willing to clear out the brush out (keep the trees) and want to expand what they do. There are options and opportunities in the future to offer tournaments. Our goal is to fill our parks with people and make them safer.

- Discussion: There is a gun range behind Dogwood Park that is on county property. Crystal will check in with the county regarding this matter.
- Chairman Glass requested a motion from the commission members to move forward with continuing to discuss and pursue activities related to Dogwood Park Proposal.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
 - Seconded by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - All in favor, motion carried.
- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the financial report for November 2023.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - Seconded by Commissioner Milton Terre
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Recreation Director's Report – Crystal Reed:

- Information was discussed pertaining to large amount grants for Neighborhood Parks on Red Bank Road side of Goose Creek.
 - Lake Greenview Park
 - Forest Lawn Neighborhood Park.
- Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe mentioned St. James Park III near his neighborhood that needs attention, as well as the other St. James Park. The St. James Park near the Tennis Courts has a community of people we will begin outreach to with Community Programs.
- Crystal will check to see if that community is in the City of Goose Creek.
- Our taxes are the lowest in the Lowcountry.
- The City received a grant for \$131,000 to renovate the Berkeley Senior Center on Old Moncks Corner Road. We are working with them on programming out there.
- Christmas decorations around the lake are up. We discussed Tree Sponsors for next year.
- Light every Live Oak tree all the way down Highway 52, and all Live Oak trees on City property.

Public Comments:

No closing public comments.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Lynn Greet
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - All in favor, motion carried.

There will be no January 2024 meeting.

The next meeting has been scheduled for February 5, 2024 at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for December 4th, 2023