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LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

March 9, 2023

9:03 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Carol Kilian called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

DEVOTION

Luke McCoy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Present

Zone 2 – **Vacant**

Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi -Present

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Present

Zone 5 – Malcolm Williams - Present

Zone 6 – Devita Bonner –Present

At Large – Luke McCoy - Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Rec.

Sharonda Irvin – Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 9, 2023

COMMISSION MEETINGS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Keith Willis

- Baseball Clinics have begun, and Luke McCoy is helping spearhead this years' program.
- We finished the Basketball season with 2 separate banquets and we passed out flyers for the upcoming Baseball Season clinics. This has helped increase the numbers so far.

Luke McCoy

- The 7 on 7 football is getting ready to end and we should get 6 –8 more kids to sign ups to increase the team. That will give us at least 1 little league team to start with. We are thinking on extending the camp clinics for maybe another week or so to grab a few mor kids in the sign ups. We will then make this a traveling team and we will go to Port Orange, S. Daytona, Ormond and also play the team at Bethune Point (East Coast Storm).

(BANTER)

Luke McCoy

- We would like to have at least 3 teams to start so we can play in rotation with the surrounding teams like S. Daytona. We would want the kids to play with other leagues of the same skill set so they don't become discouraged.
- Practice will be T-Ball on Tuesday & Thursdays and the Little League will be on Monday & Wednesdays 5:30pm – 7pm.

Amanda Glugover

- I think Malcolm had a great idea to have a sports fair event where we show off all of the programs that the Parks & Rec. offer. Maybe we can partner with Juneteenth to advertise all of this information.

(BANTER)

Malcolm Williams

- Will Juneteenth be too late for the advertising of these programs? Wouldn't the Seafood Festival be a better target group and date?

(BANTER)

Malcolm Williams

- As we are talking about Baseball, and the Tortugas season is coming up can this Board take a trip as a board to be a part of the "Opening Game Day" ceremonies with the Tortugas?

Carol Kilian

- We can go as individuals, but if we go as a board, we have to notice the fact that we are going as a Board according to the Sunshine Laws.

(BANTER)

Luke McCoy

- The bases are at the wrong distance for the new field at Derbyshire. They have them marked with a rope hanging out of the correct location, but the current location is incorrect.

(BANTER)

Keith Willis

- The restrooms repairs at the Stadium Locker rooms are underway as we speak. What they're doing now is trying to figure out if they will have separate stalls for showers or the shower poles again. They are getting ready to redo all of the seating in the stadium as well. It should be ready by the first game in August. Also, they have plans to run George W. Engram Blvd. All the way into the Daytona Stadium.

(BANTER)

Carol Kilian

- This is true, I'm going to an FDOT meeting on the 28th where they show present and future proposed roads on how all these roads are going to happen on LPGA. But until it is funded nothing happens. At this time, the Dunn Ave. Extension project is not funded.

Keith Willis

- We don't have a date for Summer Fun On the Run as of yet, but we try to schedule it around the Summer Camp Program.
- The Basketball courts should be completed by next month at Schnebly.
- The Dickerson Center will be repainted. The Gym floor will be replaced, and the Basketball courts outside will be done by April 17.
- The resurfacing for Campbel Pool is complete, we are waiting or the completion of the Dickerson Center to do one "Grand Opening"

(BANTER)

Malcolm Williams

- With the completion of the Dickerson Center, will there be a price increase for the use of the facility?

Keith Willis

- That would be a question for the Commission. All fees are governed by them.

(BANTER)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Voting for a "New Chairman" - Malcolm Williams has been voted into the role of Chairman of the Parks & Rec. Advisory Board. Approved by the P & R AB.
- Amanda Glugover has been voted into the Vice Chair position for the board.

- We have opened up Summer Hiring. Our plan is to get them all hired and screened by the opening of the Summer Program. If we get them on early, we will work them 1 – 2 hours a month to keep them active.

BOARD /CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Francis Chew – Gene Harding wanted me to tell you thanks for having the Trail in the park fixed so quickly. That’s all I have today thanks!

Mr. Brown – I'd like to thank Mrs. Kilian for her many years of service on this board. In reference to the minutes, I know that you approved them, but I think that there were some very important bits of information that was not listed. I know that the citizens can't comment on them, but this is my opportunity to do so now. I know I came on like a heavy hitter last time, but there are some important things that were considered as “BANTER”. I submitted it in writing, and I can submit it again with copies, if need be, of what my initial concerns were. I'd really like to see the Comprehensive Plan get back on the agenda.

Carol Kilian – Mr. Brown as I previously told you I'm on the Economic Development Board and we went through the Comprehensive Plan point by point, and Mr. Willis is going to find out about it and report back on it. Just know that it is still in the process.

Mr. Brown – In reference to Lenox Park, I spoke to Vincent Terry about the fence that is there. The fence is only about 16 inches high on each side which is why we get a lot of vagrants in the park. I was told that that is not even on the City property. So, I am making an official request that we put a 6 ft. galvanized fence up to match what is already there to make it a little harder for the vagrants to go in and set up camp there. This fence would help deter that.

Keith Willis – Mr. Brown, let me tell you that even if we put up a bigger fence, they are only going to cut a whole in the fence yet again. That has been the problem, every time that we replace a fence the vagrants keep cutting a whole in them.

Mr. Brown – Well I think that the metal fence is not a very good fence because it only rusts out. If you put up a galvanized fence, then there will be no cuts in the fence and no rusting. I've already talked about the lighting and that's another issue. The lack of tree's, I really think we need to invoice Bush Landscaping as they are the ones who killed them. I suffer from skin cancer, and it would be nice to have some tree shade near where the benches are while I'm there with my dog. Dog size, we talked about it briefly, but I don't think we did anything with it. I know Brown & Brown has the size defined on their park signs as far as dogs go when you pay the \$80 to get into their park its listed on their sign. I don't agree with it, I think they need to downsize it a bit. I see the sign inventors straightened the sign up, but it will do no good. When we have the storms come it's just going blow them around again if you don't secure them with cement. The signs that are up near the basketball courts are cracked and are in need of repair. So, I don't think they need to put the signs next to the basketball courts in the future. The Stadium project, what is the time frame on that? It seems that we are going into a black hole with that.

Keith Willis – I gave you a timeline of “by the first game of the season” in September.

Mr. Brown – Lastly the Parks & Recreation book is outdated and 2 of the parks don’t even exist anymore, and Bridgeport Heights is not even mentioned in it. I’d like to know when that will be updated?

Keith Willis – Mr. Brown, when I gave the Citizens Academy those books, I said, “The books were outdated, but that it was a reference to the existing parks and buildings we have”. I also said, “The City is waiting to redo the book when all of the construction is completed”. It doesn’t make sense to redo the book with the same information in it. That book costs a lot of money to produce, so when all construction is completed, we will reissue the book.

Mr. Brown – If we could get the IT guy Justin to update the website if he needs any updates, I’d be glad to help him, or I can show him how.

Carol Kilian – We talked about that last time and Justin said it was in progress.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Theresa Quattrociocchi – No comments but I'd just like to know where my Zone lines are. If someone could get me a map that would be great.

(BANTER) Is Veterans Park open, did it ever close, the updates are amazing, they need volunteers to staff the park etc. The park is open, and it never closed. Looking forward to new things there.

Theresa Quattrociocchi – Mr. Brown what is your issue with the lighting in the Lenox Park?

Mr. Brown – Well the drug dealers in the park at night and if you want, we can have a side bar and talk about my issues with this park and the lighting.

Theresa Quattrociocchi – No sir, you have taken a lot of our time today, and I know that there is lighting there so I’m not sure what your issue is with what’s already there.

Mr. Brown – Well there are no lights on the East side of the building to start. And that’s where all of the drug deals go down among other things. There is a dimly lit yellow light there and it’s not enough there nor in the parking lot..

(BANTER)

Theresa Quattrociocchi – Well I can tell you that the neighbors don’t want more lighting shining in their homes’ late night. They will fight it if you proceed with it. “WE DON’T WANT IT”.

Mr. Brown – Like I said again if you get the motion lights it will only go on with motion.

(BANTER) ENOUGH!

Carol Kilian – Let's move on.

Davita Bonner – Mr. Willis you had spoken about the age of the students for summer hire is 18 can you send me the link so we can get that out to our students.

Malcolm Williams – This board is on a volunteer basis and in respect to what has been said today we are not policy makers so we can only bring our ideas and try to make the City better. With that being said let’s call for adjournment.

Carol Kilian – Meeting called for adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

March 9, 2023 9:55: am

Malcolm Williams, Chair
Parks & Rec. Advisory Board

Reviewed by: _____
Malcolm Williams, Chair Date

Transcribed by: Sharonda Irvin, Board Secretary