

# **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**May 9, 2024**

**9:18 AM**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Malcolm Williams called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

## **DEVOTION**

Luke McCoy

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All

## **ROLL CALL**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT**

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Present

Zone 2 – Linda Smiley - Present

Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi -Absent

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Absent

Zone 5 – Malcolm Williams - Present

Zone 6 – DaVita Bonner - Absent

At Large – Luke McCoy - Present

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Rec.

Lubna Nisa– Secretary.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from April 11, 2024, meeting was approved.

## **COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

Keith Willis – No Update

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Keith Willis Updates:

- We had Easter Beach Run last month, turns out great.
- We had the grand opening of Daisy Stocking Park, which also had the kickoff of the Midtown Concert Series. Although there was a Bethune Cookman Spring game, the turnout was great.
- We are in the process of getting new weight room equipment for the Dickerson Center. We had to redo the bid because we need more treadmills/cardio equipment.
- Amanda asked if Dickerson Center gym has recently renovated.
- Keith replied that this time they are doing weight room not the gym. The weight room equipment was 40 years old and came out from the Daytona State College and City Island Recreation Center.
- Luke said he started with Daytona Beach Police Department at the age of 19 and used that equipment.
- Summer Camp registration has started. We offer Camp at four sites including Julia Charles Cherry Center, Schnebly Center, Sunnyland Park, Yvonne Scarlet Golden Center. The program duration will be from June 3-August 2.

- Campbell Pool is still closed; we finally found the contractor to put the tiles back on. We are hoping that it will be open before the Summer Camp starts. We are hiring lifeguards as well.
- We are also in the process of hiring Summer Camp workers. Our plan is to hire 40 but so far 10 have passed the background check.
- Keith said he went to the Parks and Recreation Director's Summit in Arizona last year, its nationwide higher pay rate, for example \$25/hour but we cannot compete with that.
- Amanda asked about our pay rate, Keith replied its \$15/hour.
- Keith said the new generation is different, they tell us what time they can work unlike we tell them when to work.
- Malcolm asked is there something the Board can do to help this hiring process. We can contact teachers for that since they are already DCF approved, and their backgrounds have already been checked. Keith said we already tried with Turie T and Westside Elementary Schools, but the issue is that they are short of teachers as well. We also tried hiring lots of high School kids, but it didn't work either. They are usually on the phone and overlook many things. We had an incident last year where they left a child in the locker room at the pool. The problem is that we cannot take away their phones. Amanda said lots of places make workers surrender the phone. Luke said there could be a lawsuit if you take away the phone.
- Linda asked about the Campbell pool that every year something happens to this pool, and it looks like we are re-repairing a lot of things, why? Keith replied that it's just an old pool which needs maintenance and repair. For example, the heating pump went out the other day or AC had a problem.
- Malcolm thanks everyone for showing up at Daisy Stocking Park. I was in ER that day and could not make it. I appreciate Linda for attending the opening.
- Do we need to re-evaluate what we are doing in Summer Camps. Should we have a Company coming in and evaluate how we are doing and advice how we can incorporate new games and activities. Keith replied that we are not lacking kids, we need staff, we are 7:30am-5:30pm, providing breakfast and lunch, field trip once a week, free swimming etc. Amanda added, Summer Camp program is immensely popular.
- Malcolm agreed with that and said that lots of older kids say that there is no good activity for them, it's boring. This program caters more towards younger kids rather than teenagers. We brought two flight simulators this year for the older kids. It's going to be in Cherry Center. We are trying to get approved for that at the City Commission. They are going to get 15 kids in that program.
- Amanda asked about the Summer Camp lifeguards salaries. Keith said it will be \$15/hour this year. Amanda asked, what will be the salary rate for non-lifeguard version, Keith said \$15/hour but if they have all the certifications, it can be up to \$17/hour. Amanda asked is it worthwhile to ask commissioners to raise the voice for increasing the rate. Keith said it will be conflicting for regular employees, it will be dominos effect. It will be a issue. Amanda said my daughter's friends are easily making \$18 at fast food places.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Frances Chew:

- Asked Keith to put disposable toilet seat covers in the next budget for the centers.

- Line dancing is going great for the seniors in the afternoon. Some of the seniors signed off because they already progressed and advanced. I know Linda wants to go for a stop and teach. Keith said we can change Eddra's schedule, but we are short staff these days. Eddra only works for 29 hours, and she has lots of line dancing classes. Francis suggested that she can do Monday afternoon all the classes. Keith said he was going to talk to supervisors and do something about it.

Rick Brown:

- Rick reminded me about the park in zone 1. We spent millions of dollars on the rest of the city but nothing in zone 1. The property of 2010 with river access is an excellent option for the park. I suggest that this board should highly advise the city commission for the park in zone 1.
- Also, in zone 2, some money needs to be spent on Sickler Park, it needs to have grass and a fence. It basically serves as a parking lot and homeless shelter at night.

Janet Jackson:

- Floor power light lines need to be stretched out properly because trucks got wrapped up in electrical wires. It could be even worse. Keith said it's an FPL question. The city doesn't even own some of the main streets.
- Janet said she doesn't mind working with the kids as well. Keith said go to [codb.us](http://codb.us) and fill out the employment application, posting will be closed tomorrow.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

At Large – Luke McCoy – No comment.

Zone 2 – Linda Smiley:

- I was told that there is a plan to upgrade weight equipment at Schnebly Center as well.
- Keith said that he informed Sheila that the redevelopment will fund it, but it's not in the redevelopment zone. So, we need to find funds for that. Sheila needs to be very strategic because the room is very small.
- Linda asked that during Summer Camp, weight rooms will be closed. Keith replied that Dickerson center weight room is not going to be closed because they don't have Summer Program there.
- Sheila said when the kids are outside or in the room then at that time the weight room can be utilized. We have to close the doors and monitor the restrooms. Linda said they were closed last year and Sheila said this year we will keep it open.

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover:

- Do we have another Ethics training time? Lubna said not yet, we will inform everyone once we find out.
- Are youth organizations volunteering to clean up parks and other stuff. Keith said Luke is going to take care of Park cleaning.
- Luke said the citizens complained about Samuel Butts Park and we went out there. It was not bad at all.
- Keith said each zone will pick a park and clean it.
- Amanda asked if we were going to do it once or round the year.

- Luke said we submitted the proposal to the county, and it requires risk management approval.
- Can we get a park clean up schedule like meeting schedule.
- Keith said my maintenance crew go and clean and pressure wash the park before every rental. You send the cleanup schedule to Lubna.

Zone 5 – Malcolm Williams – No comment

Keith Willis – No comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

May 9, 2024, 9:50am

Malcolm Williams-Chairperson  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Malcolm Williams, Chairperson Date  
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