

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Bill Edminster, at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bill Edminster Mike Jamaica
Eric Farrenkopf Dennis Beck
Nick Sherwood

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt Brian Beck
Kathy Melendez

STUDENTS PRESENT: Alexis Flores Kristen Pena

OTHERS PRESENT: Delfina Guerrero

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Vice Chairperson Edminster.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was motioned by Commissioner Farrenkopf and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood that the item on the consent calendar be approved as presented:

(1) Approve Commission Minutes of September 8, 2015, Regular Meeting

VI. ITEMS OF STUDENT'S INTEREST

New Teens on Board students were introduced and welcomed for the 2015/2016 school year. Student Alexia Flores is a Senior from Tulare Western High and reported on campus and club activities. Student Kristen Pena attends Tulare Union and reported on campus/club activities, fundraisers, and sports.

VII. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATION

None.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Request from Life Church to allow continued use of the Meitzenheimer Community Church on Sundays for church services

Director Rob Hunt advised Commission that Life Church has utilized our building facilities for religious services in the past but, due to the closure of the Woman's Clubhouse, they were moved to the Community Center in July 2015. Life Church would like to continue using the Community Center for an additional year and asked commission for direction as to allowing continued use as they deem appropriate.

After brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Beck to allow continued use of the Community Center for six (6) months and asked staff to bring this request to Commission for additional review. All in favor, 5-0.

(2) Capital Improvement Project update

Director Hunt provided Commission with a budget overview and projects update for 2015/2016 with emphasis on proposed and cancelled parks projects, and upcoming projects that include landscape retrofitting.

(3) Recreation Division attendance report for the month of September 2015

Recreation Manager Beck reported on the following activities for the month of September: adult softball leagues continue with strong participation; parks staff will retrofit fields in December/January; afterschool soccer games started but participation has decreased from last year; day camp was held for 1 day with 27 students attending; Teens on Board and Teen Hero programs are in full swing;

(4) Staff report on park maintenance operations for the month of September 2015

Recreation Manager Brian Beck reported ABLE Industries is now servicing parks restrooms; SWAP labor totaled 400 hours in September. Director Hunt updated Commission on the possibility that the Board of Public Utilities will be meeting this week and may declare a Stage 4 water emergency which equates to Parks mandated to reduce water usage by 50%. Hunt stated job interviews will be held this Thursday for the Parks Manager position.

IX. COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS

Commissioner Jamaica inquired about median maintenance as it affects the budget.

Hunt stated that parking lot maintenance may be moving under Property Management and changes will gradually be made to medians due to drought.

Director Hunt gave Commission an update on landscape, housing and annexation changes and will provide Commission with an update at a future meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 a.m.