

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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 Mike Jamaica at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center, Sequoia Room.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dennis Beck Mike Jamaica
Lori Fishbough Nick Sherwood
Armando da Silva

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt Brian Beck
J. Dean Johns Kathy Melendez

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sherwood.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

(1) Approve Commission minutes of May 9, 2017, regular meeting

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. STUDENT REPORT

No students in attendance.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Recreation Division attendance report for the month of May 2016 and review of cost recovery reports.

Recreation manager Brian Beck reported on the following activities: Spring softball concluded and summer softball will begin on June 19 with 36 teams participating; one youth tourney was held in May bringing in 24 teams; women's volleyball is now in its second season with a program cost recovery of 167%; BEST Club enrollments averaged the same as last year at year end; concert attendance fluctuated but was well attended; Teen Fest was well attended with about 550 youth participating; instructional classes continued in May with Colorguard, Little Sluggers T-Ball (cost recovery of 76%), and tumbling. Staff will provide cost recovery reports next month; Beck apprized Commission on the summer programs that began yesterday. Movies in the Park will begin in July.

(2) **Staff report of Park maintenance operations for the month of May and update on park projects and special events**

Parks Manager J.D. Johns reported on the following: Post-emergents were applied along the Santa Fe Trail; crews continue to repair the fall surfacing at Del Lago playgrounds; several tree removals at Live Oak Park; crews preparing the ballfield at Prosperity Sports Park for upcoming tournaments; continuous irrigation repairs throughout the park system; weekly maintenance and inspections of L&L's; splash pads are in operation daily from 12-7pm; Elk Bayou Soccer Complex has been closed since June 1 for annual turf renovation which include aeration, irrigation and hydroseeding; staff is preparing for public bid on Cesar Chavez Playground Replacement.

VI. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

Director Hunt advised that City Council will meet on June 20 to adopt the City's 2017/2018 budget. The department's budget is status quo. However, the Parks Division will be adding one new position.

Commissioner Fishbough noted that the sprinklers at Centennial Park are wetting the tennis courts at the north and east end of the courts. Johns will direct staff to inspect.

Vice Chairman Jamaica inquired about graffiti at the skatepark. Hunt advised that Parks staff had been spending an inordinate amount of time removing graffiti in the "bowls" due to park closure requirements and ladder/scaffolding set up required to reach the affected areas. Much of the graffiti appears to be related to the skating "culture" and is not vulgar nor gang related, so staff has allowed it to remain. However, any graffiti that is vulgar or of a gang related nature is immediately removed. Hunt advised that the constant removal of graffiti is detrimental to the skating concrete surface, so by allowing some of the graffiti to remain, it helps alleviate the wear issue.

Staff will take pictures of the affected skate bowl areas and bring back to Commission for further discussion and direction.

Vice Chair Jamaica stated that perhaps we can give the kids an opportunity to paint the bowls as a community art project as an option.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 a.m.