

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

May 6th, 2024

6:00PM

Present:

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

General Public comments:

- Councilman Philip Obie attended the beginning of meeting. Commission Members brought up the following general requests for potential use of discretionary funds:
 - Skate Park
 - St. James Park and other neighborhood park upgrades
 - Cover for City Pool
- Current approved discretionary fund uses:
 - Maintenance and/or new swings at CCP (We-Go-Swing)
 - Lake Greenview furniture
 - Wayfinding Signs
 - Dog Park Upgrades

Commission Member Seat Update:

- Commission Member Milton Terre passed away recently. We will have social media managers post for Recreation District Seat interest to begin interviews to fill the seat.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st, 2024 meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - Discussion: Crystal's follow up comment on bug repellent from previous meetings – it is too much of a risk to spray bug repellent out at the fields.
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the financial report for April 2024
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
 - Seconded by Commissioner Ryan Agostinelli
 - All in favor, motion carried.

- Discussion:
 - No surprises. We are right on target. 25% of the budget has been met so far. We consistently roll over funds.
 - We are budget minded and stay on target.
 - Directive to leadership team: We are budgeting for 2025 and they will be submitting needs.
 - We are going to lift Field 3 at Foster Creek Park. It was proposed at \$300,000.
 - Boat landing back in 2021 for Blue Water Access was \$4,000,000.
 - The Crowfield ruins – the signage there needs to be updated or replaced.
 - Crystal will follow up with Golf.
 - Crowfield Plantation is known for the trails. Interested in seeing if there is a joint connection between those trails and City trails.
 - The goal is to make the City a walkable/bikeable city and atmosphere.

Recreation Director's Report – Crystal Reed:

- New department report style. Updating the branding.
- Hired our new Athletic Specialist
 - He will transition to creating adult sports and additional winter sports.
- Question about the team numbers trending down as age groups rise.
 - Crystal commented: this has been in discussion. We are looking at why and creating goals within our mission. It's a natural thing to put their kids in everything, and the kids get more sport specific as they get older. Our goal is to keep them coming back for the next season. Football and baseball numbers have declined in the nation, where soccer consistently grows.
 - Our goal is to have kids try all sports.
- We are looking into E-Gaming Leagues and adding more activities that are geared towards participants who are not connected to sports or teams.
- Ryan Agostinelli mentioned potential pickleball league for kids. Crystal responded: We are not quite there yet with any league play yet. Looking at avenues and options for courts.
- Feedback loop for sports: survey at the end of the season. We can offer that option to our coordinators to create a culture of feedback.
- 2nd year of Senior Olympics. Rebrand all our programs. The 50-55 year olds were not signing up, so we've added 50+ activities.
- Wanting to add more adult leagues. Softball, Kickball, etc.
- Taylor Swift listening party. The idea came from our Project Manager at City Hall, and we said "let's make it happen". We're open to these kinds of ideas.
- 3 major concerts are being planned along with small acts and events added to the schedule.
- We are working on a Farmer's Market.
 - They have one here on Saturday mornings, but we are looking to do a city sponsored Farmer's Market. Applications went out for it on Friday. The goal is 20-30 vendors. We have 15 applications so far. It will be called Central Creek Famer's Market and will be held at the pavilion. We did a poll for vendors for the schedule and Wednesday nights were the best night. It will be every other week. It will run June-November and the last one will be a holiday market. The goal is live music, fresh produce, artisan products.

- The Splash Pad was down this weekend. There was a crack in the backflow preventer seal. We had to fix the seal to get it operating. We have the system constantly checked out. The seal has been fixed and we should be good to go to open for the season.
- Central Creek: the pickleball courts did not have time to “cure”. We are resurfacing all the outdoor courts and will be closed. They will also be painting the basketball courts.
- Spring Concert Series: the last one is this Friday. Excited to bring it back to Crowfield next year.
- This Saturday: fishing rodeo coming up. We will stock the lake this week.
- The Art & Entertainment Coordinator position is open and has been posted. We will begin interviews next week. This person will be responsible for the Amphitheater, Creek Collective, and the Farmer’s Market.
- We are still struggling with staffing maintenance. Crystal met with our CFO, and we were able to raise the pay for maintenance staff.
- It was mentioned that we will possibly do something like a bench in memory of Milton Terre.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Harris Houston to order a bench in memory of Milton Terre and have it placed at John McCants Veteran’s Park.
 - The motion was granted by Chairman Jerry Glass
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments:

- N/A

No closing public comments.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
 - All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 3rd 2024, at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for May 6th, 2024.