

**Recreation Commission  
Board Meeting Minutes  
City Manager's Conference Room  
October 21, 2019**

10/21/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

**Members Present:** Scott Blackburn - Chair; Robbie Shields - Lake Wales Soccer; Meryl Reese; Jim Reddick - Citizen, Laura Donaldson- Citizen; Robert Lamar - Lake Wales Pram Fleet;

**Guests** Chris Wiseman - Candlelight Academy

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; Stephanie Edwards, Recreation Coordinator

2. Communications And Petitions

Robert Lamar passed along thanks to the City for fixing the lake side door on the Pram Fleet shed. Ms. Edwards reported that she will pass along a request for work on the road side door.

3. Minutes

The minutes of September 16, 2019 were reviewed. Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Parks And Recreation Updates

Stephanie Edwards reported on new smart locks for some of the Northwest Complex. This lock can be controlled from her phone and she receives notifications when the lock opens or is used.

Jim Reddick asked about the lights on the tennis courts. They are acting strange. This was discussed. Robbie Shields suggested the timing needs to be changed as its getting darker earlier. Ms. Edwards said she will work on it.

The Chair reported on meetings with three commissioners about several issues including the Crystal Lake Park Plan. He would like to get the proposed plan approved by the City Commission. This was discussed. Ms. Edwards said that the trail was discussed at the budget hearing and was reduced to just the design work for this year. The Chair will give a report to the City Commission at a meeting in November.

The Chair said that travel ball teams cannot use Little League fields unless the majority of the participants are from Lake Wales. The chair discussed the need for fees for our facilities as we are the only City that does not charge for usage. Possible fees and how to move forward were discussed.

5. Executive Committee

Chair shared idea from a City Commissioner of executive committee to address the need for a quorum. The set-up of the Recreation Commission was discussed.

Meryl Reese recommended giving an executive summary to the Commission. This idea was discussed. Meryl Reese made a motion to create an executive summary to go to the City Commission instead of minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Fee Structures

The chair discussed adding fees as our facilities are in higher demand. He is meeting with the Charter Schools to find a way for them to contribute to the cost of upkeep. This was discussed. The chair said they

are at a fact-finding, information gathering point right now. Jim Reddick asked if a recommendation from the Recreation Commission will be needed. The Chair said yes that will be needed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

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Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary