

## **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**March 23, 2022**

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 with the meeting being called to order by Becky Glisson at 12:06pm.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Battles, Carl Brown, Sherisse Malone, Irene Pate, Ryan Stanford, Brantley Pittman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David Miles, Rodney Lawrence

#### **VACANT POSITIONS:**

District 1, 2, 3

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Becky Glisson, Tommy Groce, Josh Browning, Sam Thies and Ryan McCann

#### **ROLL CALL WAS COMPLETED by Ryan McCann**

#### **STAFF UPDATES:**

##### **Park Services- Includes Memorial Stadium and Golden Park (Tommy Groce):**

Tommy said the division is working to catch up on the winter clean up. The windy weather made it especially challenging. The shortage of workers and working support vehicles also continues to be a hurdle. There are 52 parks requiring service and with Spring usage coming up they're doing all they can to get the parks in condition to use.

##### **Community Schools (Samantha Thies):**

Sam indicated additional grant money had been awarded recently that will help bolster after school programs and enhance offerings for the program. They've been able to purchase new supplies for STEM learning activities. Two field trips are already set up for MCSD spring break with 37 children already signed up. Summer Camp planning continues.

**Athletics- Includes Cooper Creek (Josh Browning):**

Registration for adult softball has just completed and they are pleased with the turnout this season. Summer basketball is in the planning stages.

**Aquatics (Becky Glisson):**

Becky advised everyone that Matt Lensch had resigned his position as Aquatics Manager and a search is underway for a replacement. The NAIA tournament at the Aquatics Center went smoothly. There is a need for approximately 50 lifeguards to get through the summer season. Largest roadblock is pay. The City is paying on average, \$9.18/ hr and the competition is paying \$12/ hr. Double Churches will be the only outdoor pool open this summer.

**Recreation Services- Includes Lake Oliver, Pottery, Seniors, and Therapeutics (Teresa Snellings):**

No update. Teresa was presenting at a GRPA meeting.

**Administration- Deputy Director (Becky Glisson):**

Beck said the Summer Fun Passes have been set up with several vendors already committing and several others in the works. With the SPLOST passed it's a matter of time until the funding is available to make major repairs to the four outdoor pools- they are the first item on the agenda for SPLOST allocations. Beck mentioned that there was work being done on the upper portion of the Riverwalk. Brantley asked what the funding source was for that and Becky indicated there were likely multiple sources including Dragonfly.

**Adjournment:**

With no further discussion, Becky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Brantley and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm. NOTE- Irene Pate was having connectivity issues on the call and the participants were unable to hear her so Becky handled some of the things she would ordinarily have done.

Minutes recorded by Ryan McCann.

NOTE: Any items written in RED require follow-up by the party's as indicated in the narrative.