

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2023**

Chair Pommier called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
Chair Pommier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:	Chair Pommier	Commissioner Graybehl
	Commissioner Daly	Commissioner Gurrola
	Commissioner Fiormonti	

Absent:	Vice Chair Duncan	Commissioner Peña
	Commissioner Uresti	

Oral Communications – None

Approval of Minutes – Action: Motion was made by Commissioner Fiormonti, Seconded by Commissioner Graybehl to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2023, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence – None

Reports

Report on Council Actions from March 7, 21 and April 4, 2023:

Authorization to Purchase Playground Engineered Wood Fiber- Director Moore informed the Commission that Council authorized staff to purchase ADA engineered wood fiber for various playgrounds throughout the city.

Authorization to Distribute a Request for Qualifications for Golf Course Driving Range Netting- Director Moore informed the Commission that Council authorized staff to distribute an RFQ to replace the poles and netting at the golf course driving range.

Authorization to Purchase Solar Lights for Murry Park through Community Development Block Grant Park Improvement Funds- Director Moore briefed the Commission that the Council followed the Commission’s recommendation authorizing staff to purchase solar lights for Murry and Zalud Park through CDBG Park Improvement Funds. Staff is exploring installation options.

Scheduled Matters

1. Arbor Day

A summary of the annual Arbor Day process and ceremony was provided by Director Moore. Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

2023 Arbor Day is April 28. The City of Porterville has been distinguished as a Tree City USA for the past 30 years. The tree planting site again this year is at the Tule River Parkway, but at the portion of the trail adjacent to Parkway Drive. The ceremony will take place at 1:00 PM.

Action: Information and discussion.

2. OHV Grant Public Comment Period

Director Moore Staff shared that this continued item from the March Commission meeting serves as another opportunity to create awareness and provide a venue for public comment regarding the City’s OHV Grant application submitted to the California State OHV Division last month. A public review and comment period of the preliminary grant application will occur between March 7, and May 1, 2023. Review and comments take place on the State OHV Division website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov. After the public review period, City staff is allowed to modify its preliminary application to reflect comments received from the public.

Action: Informational item.

3. Parks Maintenance Report

Parks Superintendent Demerath provided an update to the Commission on recent projects which included: Casa Del Rio playground, Jaye St. tree median work and removal of fallen tree, storm event duties.

Action: Information and discussion

4. Leisure Activities Report

Leisure Services Specialist Graybehl reported on the Leisure activities. The items of presented were: Arena Soccer, Junior Pirates Track Club, Youth Baseball, Egg Hunt, May 1st registration day which includes Day Camp, Swim Lessons and Youth Volleyball, and various duties that fell under the department pertaining to the storm event.

Action: Informational item

5. Schedule Items for Future Meetings

Director Moore mentioned that on the agenda for May would be an update on the department’s portion of the City’s 10-year Capital Improvement Project list, and an item to discuss the schedule of upcoming Commission meetings, in addition to potentially more items.

Action: Scheduling

6. Other Matters of Information

None

Action: Informational item

Adjournment

Chair Pommier adjourned the meeting at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moore, Director