

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 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 Peña
Vice Chair Gurrola Commissioner Uresti
Commissioner Graybehl

Absent: Commissioner Daly Commissioner Duncan

Oral Communications – None

Approval of Minutes – Action: Motion was made by Commissioner Uresti, Seconded by Vice Chair Gurrola, to approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2023, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence – Porterville Angels Baseball Club, Porterville Little League

Reports

1. Report on Council Actions from November 7, 21 & December 5, 2023:

Director Moore gave updates to the following City Council agenda item:

Golf Course and OHV Park Quarterly Reports- 1st quarter attendance and revenue reports for the Golf Course and OHV Park.

Authorization to Execute Consultant Agreement- Skatepark Improvement Project- City Council authorized staff to execute the consultant agreement with Spohn Ranch, Inc., in the amount of \$190,000, who will be adding the skate elements to the skatepark.

Authorization to Execute Consultant Agreement- Golf Course Driving Range Netting- City Council authorized staff to execute the consultant agreement with Judge Netting, Inc., who will be installing the Golf Course driving range netting in an amount not to exceed \$247,000.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids- City Pool Improvements- City Council authorized the distribution of a Request for Qualifications for improvements to the City Pool.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids- Veterans Park Multi-Use Trail Phase 2 Project- City Council approved staff's recommended plans and Project Manual, and advertise for bids.

Authorization to Execute Consultant Agreement- Hayes Field Lighting Project- City Council approved a consultant service agreement for the Hayes Field Lighting Project with Green Energy Innovations in the amount of \$860,050 to remove the old lights and install new lights.

Authorization of Christmas Eve Library Closure- City Council approved the closure of the Library on Christmas Eve as it has done so in the past.

Scheduled Matters

1. Zalud Park South Baseball Field

Director Moore introduced the item providing history of the Zalud Park South Baseball Field. City Council approved a three-year Zalud Park south baseball field use agreement

with the Porterville Angels Baseball Club after having presented to the Parks and Leisure Services Commission in September 2021. The Club notified staff that it will be ending its agreement and not using the field during the third year of the agreement.

Porterville Little League (PLL) contacted staff with interest of using the field as it intends on reinstating its 13/14 year-old age division. PLL last had a use agreement with the Zalud Park south field for a 13/14 year-old division in 2015-2019. They also requested to end their agreement early as the Board of Directors changed, and the new Board felt it didn't have a need for, and couldn't maintain the Zalud field in addition to their two main fields at Burton Elementary.

The current PLL Board is requesting to use the field February- July. They are proposing for its 13/14 division teams to have priority on using the field during the season, followed by other PLL divisions being able to use the field when available. PLL would handle the scheduling of the field during the season when practices and games normally take place. The field would be unlocked and open to the public during non-PLL use, which doesn't result in much baseball/softball usage, but rather the public retrieving disc golf discs and other sporadic random uses. City staff would work with the PLL Board to establish the terms of the agreement including fees, maintenance, etc.

Porterville Little League President, Frank Rodriguez, spoke to the Commission of PLL's intent on using the field for their reestablished 13/14 year-old division. He also stated PLL would maintain the field, and that the public would be allowed to utilize the field as well.

Action: Motion was made by Commissioner Uresti, Seconded by Vice Chair Gurrola, recommending staff establish a use agreement with Porterville Little League, then taking the item to City Council for authorization. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Parks Maintenance Report

Parks Superintendent Demerath, provided an update to the Commission on recent projects which included: Code Enforcement efforts, huge encampment removal, and repairing a water main at the Golf Course.

Action: Informational item

3. Leisure Activities Report

Leisure Services Specialist, Amy Graybehl, reported on the Leisure activities. The items presented were: Veterans Day Run, Virtual Bingo, Zalud House Candlelight Tours, Senior Christmas Luncheon, Christmas Home Decorating Contest, New Year's Eve Gala, Military Banner Program registration, Youth Basketball, Arena Soccer and Adult Flag Football.

Action: Informational item

4. Schedule Items for Future Meetings

Director Moore mentioned that on the agenda for January will be an item on future Sports Complex potential capital improvement projects, a recap of the State of the City, and possibly other items as they arise.

Action: Scheduling

5. Other Matters of Information

Chair Pommier provided an update on the Granite Hills High School stadium project.

Action: Informational item

Adjournment

Chair Pommier adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moore, Director