

## JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING Wednesday, April 24, 2019

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Hayes in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

**Roll Call:** Members Ald. Hayes, Ald. Bacon, Ald. Nault, Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, Marilyn Kleist, Randy Morrow, Leif Hagman, Chris Larson and Municipal Services Secretary Lynnae Kolden were present.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Bacon.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Approval of minutes from Feb, 27, 2019
5. Staff report
7. Discussion of: Sunset Park Master Plan
8. Discussion of: Procedure for future park assessments
9. Discussion of: Transient boating slips
10. Discussion of: Renewal & Applications for new Board members
11. Future agenda items
12. Adjourn

All in Favor. Carried.

**Public Comment:** Jay Renstrom, 34 Bluebird Dr. spoke in regards to playing Pickle ball outside both at Otumba and Sunset Parks. Jack Follick, 449 N 15<sup>th</sup> Ave spoke in support of Pickle ball at Otumba, he is the treasurer of the Pickle ball club and would like to get permission to have the small storage shed moved to Otumba. The storage unit houses the nets and extra balls for the club, the members have the code for the lock.

Pam Seiler, (SBVC) 36 S. Third Ave, spoke in regards to a donor interested in funding a park plan for Graham Park, to potentially turn it into a gaming park. Examples would be concrete ping pong tables, shuffle board, checker boards, chess boards and all types of bag games. They would like to know if the Committee/Board would be interested in a professional plan for Graham Park before they go forward with it. Ald. Nault & Ald. Bacon requested to add Pickle ball to the next agenda. Discussion continued on the issues facing Pickle ball at both locations and costs in adding new courts or improving the current ones. Randy Morrow and Chris Larson, both stated how great it is that a donor wants to have a professional plan done for Graham Park.

**Approval of Minutes from Feb 27, 2019:** Moved by Chris Larson, seconded by Leif Hagman. All in favor. Carried.

**Staff Report:** Mike Barker reported that the Parks Department is working on getting all the restrooms up and running for the season. He also stated that the 61 trees arrived so they will be working on installing them at Sunset Park. There are still a few Ash trees to cut down in the parks. Vertical bumpers are being installed behind Stone Harbor which will help with transient docking, and the bid was awarded for the fishing dock behind Sonny's.

**Discussion of: Sunset Park Master Plan:** Discussion took place on the master plan by the committee and board members. There was extensive talks about Bradley / Little Lake on dredging and opening it up to the bay. Ald. Hayes requested that we ask the DNR the pros and cons on the dredging options. Ald. Nault asked that we invite the Rotary to the next meeting as well. Ald. Hayes, asked the Committee / Board to review the plan and prioritize the order of things to be done, so that they can get them budgeted for 2020.

**Discussion of: Procedure for future park assessments:** Ald. Hayes stated his goal is to do an assessment of the 22 parks, to identify the long and short term plans with costs to help with the 5 yr. parks plan. He thought the Committee/Board should look at selling a few parks or acquiring others. Chris Larson, stated we should try and go over 2 / 3 parks at a time for the 5 year Outdoor Recreational Plan (ORP) that will need updating. Randy Morrow, stated he is very hesitant to sell any of the parks, and agrees that reviewing a few parks at a time is manageable. Chris Larson suggested that we review the parks in the order they are listed in the ORP. Bay View, Bullhead Point and Cherry Blossom will be the first 3 to review at the next Joint Parks & Recreation meeting.

**Discussion of: Transient boating slips:** Mike Barker, stated that there are 4 transient boating slips in the marina at Stone Harbor for boats to pull into for a 4 hour limit. They are located on the outside of slips 6, 7, 10 & 11. He will have the approved signage installed for those 4 transient boating slips.

**Discussion of: Renewal & Applications for new Board members:** Ald. Hayes advised the Board members that a new application form is required for the renewal process to the board. He asked the three expired board members to turn in the required form to the Mayor for additional appointments on the Park and Recreation Board. Also that they would advise the committee of their intentions of renewal or non-renewal at the next meeting.

**Future agenda items:** Pickle Ball Courts, Sunset Park priorities, Park assessments on Bay View, Bullhead Point and Cherry Blossom Parks, Graham Park updates, discussion of launching ramps at Sawyer Park, consideration of bait and ice machine at Sawyer Park.

**Next Meeting date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 @ 5:30pm.**

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Bacon. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnae Kolden  
Municipal Services Secretary