

JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:32 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, Randy Morrow, Chris Larson, George Husby, Marilyn Kleist, Jay Renstrom, Mayor David Ward and Municipal Services Secretary Lynnae Kolden were present.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Randy Morrow, seconded by Ald. Nault.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Approval of minutes from May 22, 2019
5. Consideration of: Pickleball courts at Sunset and Otumba Parks
6. Discussion of Park assessments: Eastside Waterfront walkway including Graham Park & Stone Harbor Marina, Franke Park and Garland Park.
7. Discussion of: Concerning cooperative relationship with Rotary Club at Sunset Park.
8. Directors Report
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjourn

All in Favor. Carried.

Public Comment: Cliff Wind, 144 N 10th Pl., David Valentine, 334 N Duluth Pl., Claire Morkin, 110 N Joliet, Jack Follick, 449 N 18th Ave., John Witieborg, 15 N Joliet, Morag Hoensby, 15 N Joliet Ave., Ron Greisen, 1028 S 19th Pl., Dan Woelfel, 4774 Bark Rd., Guy Fortin, 5581 Reynolds Rd., Bonnie Ripp, 5081 Hwy P, Patrick Donley, non-resident, all spoke in regards of Pickleball.
Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama St, Scott Moore, 947 Pennsylvania. Spoke in regards of the Parks.

Ald. Hayes closed public comment.

Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2019: Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Bacon. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: Pickleball courts at Sunset and Otumba Parks: Discussion took place in regards to the amount to budget for the Pickleball courts and wind screening at Sunset Park, and how many courts are needed at Sunset Park. Jay Renstrom mentioned to hold a ladder tournament they would need at least six courts. Eight would be the best, so there are 2 for practice or recreation play during a tournament. The noise from Pickleball was discussed in terms of how it bounces around and isn't controllable, and if it is within the noise ordinance levels. Ald. Nault stated that he did do a neighborhood walk and talked with most of the neighbors around Otumba Park. Noise wasn't an issue for all of them. Fundraising for the improvements was suggested multiply times.

Moved by Jay Renstrom: To paint two Pickleball courts at Otumba Park on the West Side tennis courts. Seconded by George Husby. Discussion continued.

Moved by Ald. Hayes to amend the motion to include: Directing staff to include a \$40,000.00 line item to the 2020 budget for the improvements of Pickleball at Sunset Park. Seconded by Jay Renstrom. Discussion continued.

Moved by Randy Morrow to amend the motion to include: Striping all tennis surface areas at Sunset Park for Pickleball in July. Seconded by Jay Renstrom.

Ald. Hayes called for a final read and vote on the motion with the amendments.

Motion and amendments read as follows:

To paint two Pickleball courts at Otumba Park on the West Side tennis courts, to direct staff to include a \$40,000.00 line item to the 2020 budget for the improvements of Pickleball at Sunset Park, and stripe all tennis surface areas at Sunset Park for Pickleball in July.

6 in favor, 3 opposed. Carried.

Discussion of: Park Assessments

Eastside Waterfront walkway including Graham & Stone Harbor Marina: Stone Harbor - Better signage is needed – The Wayfinder project should solve the signage issues. A sidewalk by Stone Harbor needs to be repaired, want to maybe change the layout to allow an art piece. The lighting needs to be looked into. The landscaping at Stone Harbor looks great and is well maintained. With Graham Park would like to see more landscaping added. This is an adoptable park, it's also the park that was inquired about for a donation.

Franke Park: Ald. Bacon stated that the board walk needs to be replaced, Mike mentioned that it would be a very expensive project. Chris Larsen thought it was a low priority, the park also has a lot of invasive plants.

Garland Park: Is the oldest City Park, it's also adoptable. Mike is hoping the swing set will be put up in July. Ald. Nault, stated that it is a very nice & clean park and doesn't feel that any changes are needed at Garland Park.

Discussion of: Concerning cooperative relationship with Rotary Club at Sunset Park: Mark Nelson, Rotary President, starting July 1st. Spoke in regards of the involvement with Rotary in a number of city projects through out the years and mentioned that May 30th, 2020 is the 100th anniversary for Rotary. Rotary has been working on getting funds for a commemorative project for the 100th anniversary, and would like to see the city continue to apply for grants for Little Lake.

Directors Report: Tree planting should start next week, weather permitting. 3 or 4 mowers out each day to keep up with the mowing. Hope to have the fishing rails up by the 4th of July. The bike trail is finished at Big Hill.

Future agenda items: Parks - Big Hill / Little Parkway, Westside Field – July, Memorial Athletic complex, Market Square and Martin Parks – August.

Next Meeting date: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 @ 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Bacon. All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnae Kolden
Municipal Services Secretary