





Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 7th, 2021

Present: Jarrod Dunbar, Hunter Thrift, Tony Vizzini, Colon Starrett, and Kathleen Saratte, Stacy Kinley

Staff Present: Cory Tobin, Molly Hussey, Vince Brown, and Caprisha Davis

Next meeting: January 4th, 2022 at the Recreation Main Office

Announcements

Jarrod Dunbar called the meeting to order. Jarrod made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The motion was approved by Colon Starrett and seconded by Tony Vizzini. Jarrod made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Tony Vizzini and seconded by Kathleen Saratte. The motion was carried unanimously. There was no one who signed up for the Public Forum.

Agenda Items

a. UPDATES ON THE AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT –

The General Contractor, Wharton Smith is now onsite with heavy equipment. The first part of the process will be to fill in the hole where the old pool used to sit. During this phase they will start construction of the facility and the pool. The completion goal is still July 2022. The main goal of the Aquatics Center is to get the pool open next summer. This means if weather plays any part in delaying construction to the facility, they will aim to finish the pool first with the facility right behind it. The addition of the shelter has been approved and will either be bolted in or concreted into the pool deck to provide shade and seating area for families.

b. POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL UPDATE -

Last month, the City Council approved the addition of the Athletics Resolution which provides more details about our athletic complexes, spaces and rules. This helps streamline the appropriate rules and regulations for everyone in the city to follow. This in turn made the Recreation Department look further into updating our entire Policy and Procedure Manual. This will allow all of our forms, programs, procedures and marketing plans to be held to a professional standard for the department. The department currently has all of these in place but not in one document. Over the next few months, the department will be working diligently to get the Policy and Procedure Manual in place to take to City Council for approval. Jarrod suggested that committee members complete park audits as well to help with extra eyes on the parks. If any committee member has questions or comments please call Jarrod, Recreation Chair. RecDesk is a community site platform that the department is installing to help with

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registrations for athletics, programs, resident and non-resident fees as well. The Point-of-Sale system that RecDesk provides will also help with concessions at the pool and Cushwa Stadium.

c. **SEASONAL PROGRAMS/SPECIAL EVENTS -**

The Holiday season brings many special events to our Department including, drive-in movies, Christmas events and new additions such as C.O.O.K. and a pumpkin carving night. Recreation Committee members are encouraged to volunteer if they are interested and able. A lot of our upcoming events are sponsored by local businesses and groups including, the Thomasville Rotary Club, PACE of Thomasville and the Brown Finch Foundation.

After no further business the meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be held on January 4th, 2022 at Recreation Main Office at 12:00PM.



January/February - 2022 Programs/Athletics Report

Athletics:

Pee Wee and Little League Basketball completed their practice schedules. Both leagues began play the week of February 14th. Instructional League Basketball completed their season, all teams were awarded medals for participation. Adult Basketball will begin League Play March 2nd. Schedules as well as roster and money collections are currently underway. Baseball and girls softball will begin registrations in March.

Instructional League Basketball (ages 6-8) completed their season on February 17th.

Pee Wee (ages 9-10) has four teams with 36 players within the league. Pee Wee Basketball games began on February 14th. Games continue through March, being played every Tuesday night at Central Recreation Center.

Little League Basketball (ages 11-12) began their season on February 15th. Little League Basketball will play every Thursday night at Central Recreation Center. The season will conclude at the end of March.

Adult Basketball League will begin play on Wednesday, March 2nd. Once the season ends Open Gym will continue on Wednesday nights from 6-8PM

Baseball planning began with a meeting with Lexington Parks and Rec. We are planning to see if the baseball league can expand from just Lexington to also include other teams within the county that are no longer playing in the Babe Ruth League. There will be a follow up meeting scheduled to further discuss the organization of the program.

Programs:

Adult Basketball League registrations ended on 1/31/22. We currently have 4 teams registered, the cost for registration was \$200 per team. The league will start on Wednesday evenings once all paperwork is completed by each teams.

Open Gym and Pickleball continue Monday-Friday mornings from 8AM-12:30PM at our Central Recreation Gym.

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Pickleball Tournament: The tournament will be held on February 8th and 9th. There will be an all-women's day and mixed doubles day. T-shirts will be provided for all participants and trophies the winning teams for each day.

Story Walk- This is a weekly rotating book that will visit each one of our 4 walking trails throughout our parks. After the book visits the 4 walking trails we will then change the book.

Valentines Scavenger Hunt- The Valentine's Day scavenger hunt will take place from February 4th-14th. The hunt is with downtown Thomasville Businesses. They will be donating prizes for 3 different gift baskets to give to participants through a drawing.

Touch-A-Truck - This event had great responses on our social media. However, due to winter weather we had to cancel the event! This event will be rescheduled at a later date when it works with both our Department and Lidl. We are really looking forward to this event and hope to do it sooner than later!

Bridging the Triad - Local competitions and Regional Competition were both held in the month of February. We had one after school participant compete! He did not win at regionals however he thoroughly enjoyed doing this event and plans to participate again next year!

Senior Club Meetings - We had to cancel the first meeting of 2022 due to COVID. We did have our second meeting and the third was again cancelled for Winter Weather. We have a trip this week to the Greensboro Science Center. The club has a busy 3 months ahead of them with some new and fun programs, socials and trips! *February*, we had 2 social events including a valentine's day celebration and a tea party. The seniors have really enjoyed participating in the social events from time to time.

Appreciation Banquet – Appreciation Banquet - This will be held on Tuesday March 22nd at Bethel United Methodist Church. Over 85 volunteers, committee members and city officials have been invited. RSVPs are due by March 7th to let the caterer know a final count.

Easter Egg Hunt - Donation letters are almost ready to be mailed and the pre-stuffed easter eggs have already been ordered and delivered. The Egg Hunt will be held at Myers Park again this year and divided up into different age groups.

