



Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order at 4:32pm on January 7, 2020 in the Parks and Recreation Department by Councilman William Killian, Chair.

Present

Councilman William Killian, Councilman Carlos Williams, Mayor Wanda Stringfellow, City Administrator Stephanie Jackson, Recreation Director Chris White, Neek Emerson, Shelley Watts

New Business

- 1) Exercise & Art programs: Director White was given the go-ahead by the committee to start the programs. Instructors are already lined-up and will be introduced at the next City Council meeting on January 13, 2020.
- 2) 2020 Christmas parade: The 2nd Saturday in December at 1:00pm is being considered. The committee has asked P & R staff to check on surrounding area parade dates to make sure no conflicts will exist with the change of date & time.
- 3) Helmet reconditioning: Director White explained to the committee that the helmets used for the 2019 youth football season need to be reconditioned in order to be in compliance with SCAP regulations and safety. As explained by White, some parents have not turned in the helmets and he asked members for recommendations on getting the helmets returned. Bills sent to parents for the helmets can be sent with a letter stating that the child cannot play the next season if the helmet is not returned or the cost for the helmet is not paid by a certain date.
- 4) General Assembly Grant: Administrator Jackson explained that the \$75,000 was not used from a previous year and was returned. The City can still apply for this grant and some suggested uses include special needs park equipment at Wylie Park, softball fields upgrade for an adult softball league or travel ball or a building at the fairgrounds for recreation.
- 5) Tree donation: The Potting Shed Garden Club will donate and plant a Saw Tooth Oak tree in a City park. The park will be decided on and announced at the next City Council meeting.
- 6) Drainage for tennis courts: Director White will get 2 quotes for the issue and present to committee.
- 7) Upkeep of park grounds: A Housekeeping Safety Check List will be completed once a quarter for each park and facility by P & R staff.
- 8) Security of park grounds: P & R staff informed committee that a Security Monitoring System is need at the parks & facilities. Deer cameras are in place, but something more is needed as there have been a few break-ins at Joe Collins

Stadium. Committee suggested a “Under Video Surveillance” sign be placed at parks and facilities. P & R staff will get quotes for a monitoring system from Truvista.

Old Business

- 1) Adopt-A-Park campaign: Program approved and will start promoting.
- 2) PARD grants: Funds are still available for Chester County. The City will apply for these funds. A Senior Citizens Park is being considered along with more improvements to parks and a bike trail.
- 3) Swimming pool fence: Estimates for the fence will be given to the Committee. The fence must be in place before the 2020 pool season, per DHEC, in order to open.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm by Councilman William Killian, Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Shelley Watts