

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Parks & Recreation Board of the City of Lake Jackson met in regular session on WEDNESDAY, January 18th, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. at the Civic Center, 333 Highway 332 E, Lake Jackson, Texas with the following in attendance:

Elaine Conley, Chair
Brad McNeil
Gabriel Moreno
Nicole Larson
Ashlee Bainbridge

Robin Hyden, Parks & Recreation Director
Justin Janis, Marketing & Youth Coordinator
Jonathan Phillips, Parks & Rec Assistant Director

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Elaine Conley.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Gabriel Moreno, second by Brad McNeil, with all members present voting "aye" the September 27th, 2022, minutes were approved.

III. **VISITORS**

Matthew Jarrett
Matthew Cohen

IV. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER, TAKE ACTION ON A RATE INCREASE FOR WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND GREEN FEES AT THE WILDERNESS GOLF COURSE**

Robin introduced Matt Cohen, the new General Manager for The Wilderness Golf Course. Matt brought forward the proposal to increase the green fees by 9-11% based on the current market and operating costs increasing due to inflation. Matt mentioned that during the past 5 years the green fees have been raised only one time. Gabriel asked what the split between resident/non-resident usage at the course was and Matt responded with the split being about 30-35% of the users being non-resident. Board Members discussed to reevaluate the green fees on an annual basis.

On motion to approve the increase in fees with an annual review beginning in January of 2024 by Ashlee Bainbridge, second by Nicole Larson, with all members present voting "aye" the Parks Board approves the fee changes.

V. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE WILDERNESS GOLF COURSE RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY POLICY.**

Robin explained that there was an incident that occurred at The Wilderness that prompted a discussion on adopting a Respect and Responsibilities policy similar to the Recreation Center for all patrons. Matt explained the need for these policies as well as their similarity to what the Recreation Center has with more specific items for golf courses.

On motion to adopt the Respect and Responsibility Policy by Gabriel Moreno, second by Ashlee Bainbridge, with all members present voting "aye" the Parks Board approves the policy to be sent to City Council for their approval.

VI. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE LAKE JACKSON SOCCER CLUB COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO ASSIST WITH THE RENNOVATION OF THE ADULT SOCCER FIELD (A1) AT MACLEAN PARK (\$5000 MATCH REQUEST)**

Robin explained that David Gonzales with Lake Jackson Soccer Club reached out to renovate Field A1, which is closest to the Large Pavilion at MacLean Park. The total maintenance to fully renovate A1 would be \$50,000, with the renovations being to convert A1 into 2 youth soccer fields.

On motion to approve the request by Gabriel Moreno, second by Brad McNeil, with all members present voting "aye" the Parks Board agrees to the \$5000 match request.

VII. **DISCUSSION OF PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE AND LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE**

Robin explained how the current dedication ordinance is stated and the need to update the ordinance to better reflect the city. Robin showed a few other cities policies and ordinances for their parkland dedication.

No action needed at this time

VIII. **HIKE, BIKE & PADDLE TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

No update at this time

IX. **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

1. Robin Recreation Division
 - i. Leisure Pool has been replastered and has reopened.
 - ii. Pump Room renovation was completed at the same time as the replastering.
 - iii. Recreation Coordinator Mitch Dooley has left and David Kautz has been hired to replace him.
 - iv. YAC is starting back up.
 - v. Daddy Daughter Dance tickets sold out in 6 hours, Sweethearts on the Green is coming up on February 4th, Touch a Truck is this Saturday, January 21st.
2. Robin updated the board on the Parks Division:
 - i. Dunbar Park's Disc Golf Course is almost complete.
 - ii. Glow path at Timbercreek is completed.
 - iii. Submitting a trail grant with TPWD to lead to the new playground at Timbercreek.
 - iv. Pee Wee Baseball fencing is complete.
3. Robin updated the board on the Civic Center:
 - i. New flooring coming in the Plaza Rooms and at Jasmine Hall.
 - ii. New chairs have been ordered.
4. Robin updated the board on the Golf Course Updates:
 - i. Clubhouse renovations are complete.
 - ii. Greens have been fixed.

X. **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Visitor Matthew Jarrett brought up an idea to connect MacLean Park and Dunbar through a crushed granite trail that stretches along FM 2004 to That Way.

Robin showed the Board the proposal by TDECU that was mentioned at a previous council meeting.

XI. **DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Next meeting scheduled for February 21st at 5:30pm

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Elaine Conley, Chairperson

Debra Perry, Secretary